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BRIC Funding Will Lead to Critical Local Resilience Investment

Washington, D.C. - Yesterday, President Biden [announced](#) \$1 billion in FY 2021 funding will be directed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency toward the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#) program. BRIC provides grants to state, local, tribal and territorial governments to invest in pre-disaster mitigation.

In the first year of the BRIC program, FEMA made \$500 million available to the program and received \$3.6 billion in requests. The top three categories of requests in 2020 were related to flood mitigation, utility and infrastructure protection and building retrofits.

BCSE President Lisa Jacobson offered the following statement in response:

“The increased funding for the BRIC program will enable more communities to protect themselves against extreme weather events that are becoming increasingly regular. Investing in the resilience of our infrastructure, including the energy efficiency of our homes and buildings and the operations of our utilities, will save lives. Local governments know what investments are needed, and the expanded BRIC program will enable the accelerated deployment of sustainable investments to better withstand extreme events.”

The BCSE and its members – from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors - have been supporters of the BRIC program since its design and inception in 2018 and are continuing to work with local governments to enhance resilience and deploy and implement hazard mitigation solutions.

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