

## BRIC 2020 Summary/Comparison

	PDMC 2019	BRIC 2020
Management costs	75% federal/25% local match	100% federal
State set-aside	\$575,000 per year	\$600,000 per year
Planning grants	\$300,000 max. per grant award, no limit state set-aside or competitive	\$300,000 maximum per state must be included in state set-aside
# of project sub-applications	8 maximum	unlimited
Project sub-application max.	\$4,000,000 federal share	\$50,000,000 federal share
State max. of all awards	\$37,500,000	unlimited
Application grading	mainly based on BCA	3 step scoring system A. eligibility and completeness review B. technical evaluation C. qualitative evaluation (includes BCA)

A. The eligibility and completeness review is similar to prior years looking for the basic items including cost share match, cost-effectiveness (BCA  $\geq 1.0$ ), sub-applicant eligibility, and sub-application completeness.

B. The technical evaluation is based on a 100 point binary score. The main issues here are the 20 points for the state building code requirement (2015 or 2018 version adopted), and the 15 points for a sub-applicant BCEGS rating of 1 to 5 (IN only has 1.3% of communities meeting this). The max. score an IN project could probably receive here is 65/100.

C. The qualitative evaluation is based on a 100 point graded score. There are up to 35 points to earn for a high project BCA rating. Other criteria (future conditions, implementation, population impact) have previously always been included in the project sub-applications received. An IN project could potentially score 100/100 here.

Planning - With only \$300,000 max. per year, we will have to adjust how we apply for county plan funding. Once every five years, we will only apply for \$300,000 state plan funding. An enhanced plan would cost the state an additional \$100,000 in cash (POLIS 2019 est. = \$400,000 enhanced plan). Each of the other four years, we will apply for 1/4 of counties (23) to update their plan. This would be \$13,043 per county, about \$3,000-\$5,000 less than in prior years. If contractors could not complete a plan update with the decrease in funding, the remaining balance would have to be a cash payment from the county.

Summary - While BRIC 2020 does not specifically add any new eligible project types to the program, the increases in overall funding and funding per state/project will allow for more and much larger projects to be considered. The new application grading will also allow for a wider variety of projects to be more competitive than in prior years.