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William Kelleher, Supervising Planner, seen with Command Staff, retired on 8-1-22 after 18 years of service.

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On August 3, 2022, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a final rule Federal Register: Public Assistance Program's Simplified Procedures Large Project Threshold. This will increase the simplified procedures threshold (also known as the small project threshold) to **\$1 Million**. The new rules apply to funding obligated after August 3, 2022.

See NJEMGrants.org for more details.

Mitigation Grant Awards

For FY2021, NJ received the 3rd highest Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) funding in the country behind Louisiana and Texas. In addition, five competitive Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) applications were awarded. Below is a breakdown.

BRIC Total Award: \$36,887,108.39

FMA Total Award: \$25,077,378.66

See NJEMGrants.org for more details.

Emergency Response Bureau

The Emergency Response Bureau (ERB) continues outreach on behalf of the NJ State Emergency Response Commission. Pursuant to Executive Order 284 (Murphy 2022), the redistricting of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) is underway to ensure compliance with federal mandates. Many counties are on board to be designated as Emergency Planning Districts.

See [State Emergency Response Commission \(SERC\)](http://StateEmergencyResponseCommission(SERC)) for updates.

Preparedness Bureau

The Training and Exercise Unit (TEU) is active in developing training to meet the dynamic needs of the emergency management discipline. TEU is working with ERB to identify training gaps and create a robust training calendar designed to comply with the State exercise requirements and the recent updates to NJOEM directives for mandatory training and continuing education.

See [NJOEM Training Calendar](http://NJOEMTrainingCalendar).