

National Resilience Guidance

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National Resilience Guidance Project Overview



FEMA, in partnership with the whole community, will create guidance and resources that help increase community and national resilience

The guidance will:

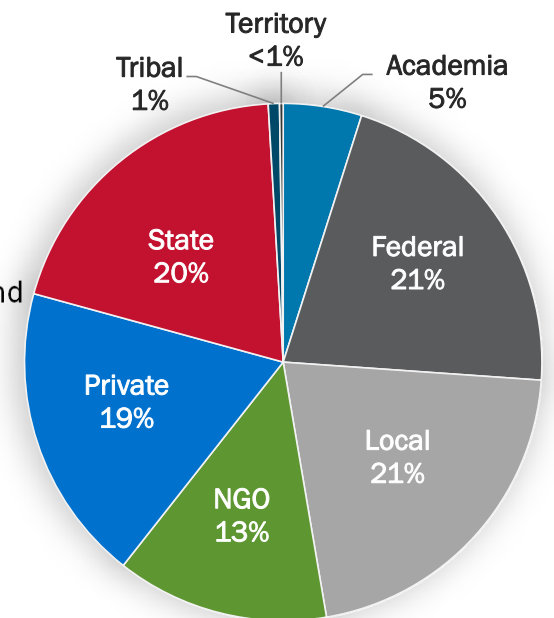
- Promote a common understanding of resilience
- Help everyone understand and fulfill their critical roles related to increasing resilience
- Address the relationship between shocks and stressors and how they affect resilience
- Inspire fresh, forward-looking, and people-centered approaches



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Stakeholder Engagement – Whole Community Sessions

- Conducted **6 Resilience Listening Sessions** and a **Resilient Nation Partnership Network Listening Session** with **680+** whole community stakeholders
- Conducted engagement discussion at **the National Governors Association ResCon, Youth Preparedness Council Summit, FEMA's National Preparedness Symposium** and the **International Association of Emergency Managers annual conference** with **200+** attendees
- Conducted an **Economic Resilience Listening Session** with Economic Development Administration and National Association of Development Organizations with **30+** attendees and a **Philanthropic Listening Session** with **15+** attendees
- Briefed on the NRG during **Natural Hazards Workshop, 12th Annual Building Resilience Conference and the National Homeland Security Conference.**
- Participated in a tribal focused technical assistance workshop hosted by the **Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma** in Catoosa, OK in July 2023. Participants included **Tribal Nation members** and **FEMA Tribal representatives from FEMA Region VI.** Conducted a **Tribal Listening Session** with representatives from **16 Tribal Nations** in October 2023.
- Conducted **80+** individual stakeholder meetings to date with **25+ SLTT and non-Governmental Organizations** and **25+ Federal Groups, including the first Joint Federal Leadership Group Session,** representing over 60 departments and agencies and over 300 partners.



Participants for Whole Community Listening Sessions 6



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Resilience Principles and Definition

All Threats and Hazards:

Identify, prepare for, resist, and respond to shocks and stressors, prioritizing through risk-informed approaches those that represent the greatest risks.

Human-Centered:

Position the well-being of individuals, families, communities, and society at the center of resilience goals, taking into consideration the needs of all community members, including those that are most vulnerable and have been underserved and/or historically marginalized.

Adaptive:

Adapt innovative solutions to new conditions and knowledge, continuously growing and enhancing the capability to resist, respond, and bounce forward from evolving threats and hazards.

Collaborative:

Seek input that engages and empowers the public, private, academic, and non-profit sectors, reflects shared commitment, and utilizes transparent processes, metrics, and goals for data-driven decision-making.

Equitable:

Increase access to services and benefits to underserved and historically marginalized or disadvantaged communities that often bear a disproportionate burden of impacts.

Sustainable:

Implement solutions that serve current and future needs by considering the entire life-cycle of solutions.

Interdependent:

Apply risk-informed approaches that account for the complexity and interdependencies of systems, prioritizing solutions and investments that address a range of objectives and enhance resilience over the long-term.

Resilience: The ability to prepare for threats and hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from adverse conditions and disruptions. (DRAFT)



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Tentative Topics for Guidance Document

- **Definition and Vision**
- **The What and Who of Resilience**
 - **Principles:** Identify and explain the guiding principles for resilience
 - **Resources:** Provide an overview of key resources
 - **Roles and Responsibilities:** Identify the roles of stakeholders in building resilience
- **The How of Resilience**
 - **Planning:** Discuss how jurisdictions can approach resilience planning
 - **People:** Discuss coordination approaches and how to staff/organize and engage effectively
 - **Policies:** Discuss how to assess policies and explain how policies can be used to build resilience
 - **Projects:** Describe potential projects that can be undertaken to address shocks and stressors
 - **Financing Resilience Efforts:** Describe potential successful models for financing resilience priorities
 - **Measuring Resilience:** Explain the importance of metrics and approaches for measuring resilience

Guidance topics and content were informed by stakeholder engagement activities



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Roles and Responsibilities

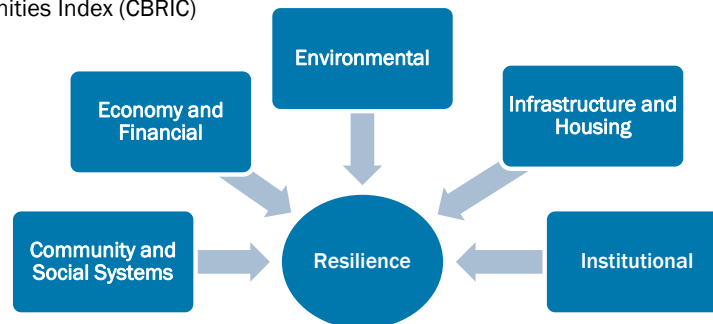
- Systems Areas*

- Community and Social Systems
- Economy and Financial
- Infrastructure and Housing
- Environmental
- Institutional

- Key Players

- Individuals and Communities
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Businesses
- Government (at all levels)

*County Baseline Indicators for Communities Index (CBRIC)



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How of Resilience

- People
- Planning
- Policy
- Projects and Programs

“Building resilience gradually with piecemeal efforts simply will take too long and leave communities exposed to unacceptably large risks.”

Hill and Diaz, “Building a Resilient Tomorrow” (2020)

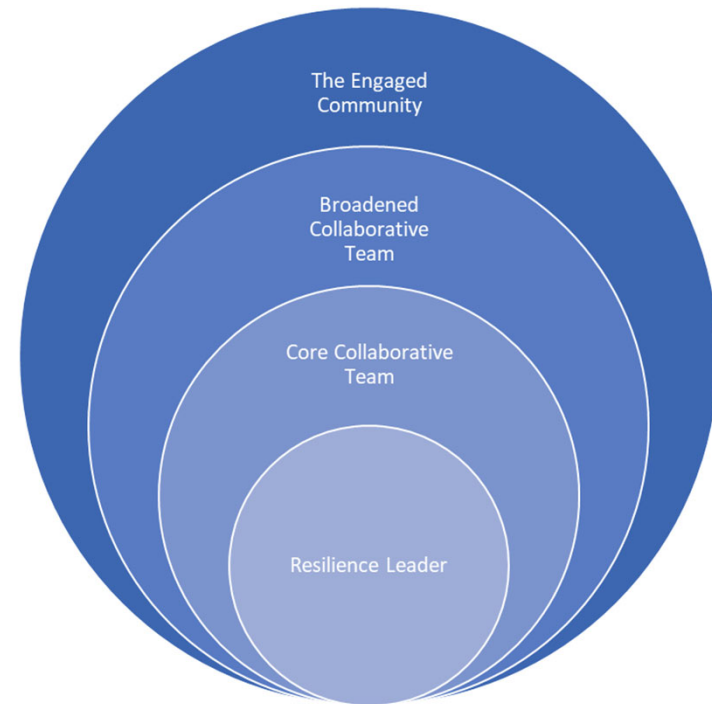


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People

- Resilience leaders and champions
- Resilience team
- Community engagement
- Meaningful participation



Team Model – adapted from NIST 2020

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Planning

- Integrate planning
- Applying a resilience lens to planning
- Spectrum: Stand-alone to full integration plans
- Planning as part of continuous improvement



FEMA. *Building Community Resilience With Nature-based Solutions: Strategies for Success*. March 2023



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Policies

- Role of policy
- Types of policy
- Policy development
- Decision-making



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Projects and Programs

- The good stuff!
- Activities to improve resilience
- Hard, soft and hybrid
- Multiple benefits are key





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Financing Resilience and Measurement

- Financing
 - Public, Private, & Public-Private Partnerships
 - Funding mechanisms
 - Portfolio approach
- Measurement
 - What and why are you measuring?
 - Methods are still emerging
 - Top-down  Bottom up
 - Qualitative  Quantitative



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Next Steps

Spring 2023/
Ongoing

We will continue to engage the whole community to gather input.

Winter 2024

Our goal is to have the draft guidance released in winter of 2024 for stakeholder review and feedback during a national engagement period.

Spring 2024

We will update the guidance to address stakeholder feedback during the spring.

Summer 2024

We aim to publish the guidance in the summer of 2024.



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