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In response to the request for comments to "(c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected..."

I respectfully submit a recommendation to require applicants and sub-applicants to the BRIC and FMA programs include the following in their application:

- 1) Evidence of public outreach and education on proposed activities.
- 2) Evidence of public comment on the proposed activities.
- 3) Evidence that public comments were addressed either by additional outreach/education within the community or incorporation into proposed project/application
- 4) Evidence of community representation on the team that developed the application/sub-application (e.g. requirement of at least one community member, that represents the community described as benefiting from the proposed activities, be included on the team that develops the application/sub-application).

These factors can be objectively and qualitatively reviewed by a panel. For example: the number of outreach and education activities within the community; the number of public comments received; how public/community comments are addressed in the proposal; sufficiency of the timeline provided to allow adequate notice to the community and to participate in proposal development; the process used to identify and recruit community representatives; the number of community representatives on the team that developed the project/application/sub-application to FEMA.

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