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Northern Border Regional Commission Announces Upcoming Grant Round To Support Region's Rural Health Network

On April 28, the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) announced that health care providers and organizations across Northern New England and New York will soon be able to apply for grant funds from the agency's partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The partnership will award nearly \$2 million in federal funds through the Rural Northern Border Region Healthcare Support Program.

The purpose of the cooperative agreements funded through this inter-agency partnership are to enhance health care delivery through technical assistance to providers, small rural hospitals, and other community-based health care organizations in rural counties within the northern border region. The technical assistance provided to successful applicants will serve to improve grantees' financial and operational performance.

"Access to quality health care is vital for the well-being of rural communities across the Commission's territory. In this partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services we are seeking to improve health care outcomes for our area residents by strengthening the region's health care network," said NBRC Federal Co-Chair Chris Saunders.

HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy will present a virtual informational webinar on Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 11-12 PM EST. This webinar will provide an overview of this upcoming funding opportunity focused on increasing access to care, workforce, and value-based efforts through technical assistance. No registration is required, and interested parties can join via the Zoom link and meeting details below. The informational session will be recorded and available upon request.

Zoom link

Meeting ID: 161 533 3260 | Zoom link Passcode: qpwjygD6

Dial-in: 833 568 8864 | Dial-in Passcode: 21107477

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About the Northern Border Regional Commission (<u>www.nbrc.gov</u>)

Created in 2008, the Northern Border Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership whose mission is to help alleviate economic distress and encourage private sector job creation in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. In its thirteen-year history, including these new awards, the commission has awarded 331 grants, amounting to more than \$90.6 million in direct investment and \$296 million in additional leveraged investments, across the four states through its primary State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program and other special initiatives.