

Changes for FY 2017

Northern Border Regional Commission



	2016	2017
1	Feasibility and Marketing Studies not allowed	Deleted - no longer called out as ineligible, but scoring metric deters use



	2016	2017	
2	\$250,000 Maximum award	\$500,000 for projects as defined in NBRC enabling legislation as infrastructure	

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3	Non profit not specifically defined	Non profit defined as federally designated 501(c)	



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4	N/A	Identified "Eligible Purposes" that are consistent with the Strategic Plan



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5	2016 Distress Criteria	2017 Distress Criteria



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6	Multi-County match: The percent of qualified project costs matched by NBRC funds in multi-counties will be the average of each of the counties or 50% which ever is higher. (e.g. 1 distressed county (80%), 1 transitional county (50%), and 1 attainment county (0%) participate in a joint project for job training. The average of the three = 43.3% so the match would be 50%. or: 80%, when at least half of the counties are considered distressed. (e.g. 2 distressed county (80%), 1 transitional county (50%), and 1 attainment county (0%) participate in a joint project for job training. The match would be 80%.	Simplified Multi-County match: The percent of qualified project costs matched by NBRC funds in multi-counties will be the average of each of the counties or 50% which ever is higher. (e.g. 1 distressed county (80%), 1 transitional county (50%), and 1 attainment county (0%) participate in a joint project for job training. The average of the three = 43.3% so the match would be 50%.)



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7	Significant Benefits Waiver taken whenever they come or with the application.	Significant Benefits Waiver required to be filed by April 30, 2107, - May Meeting with Governor's Alternates to approve. Must accompany application to be complete application.



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8	N/A	Scoring Criteria available to applicants. Additionally, criteria broken down 50% overall/50% state specific. References in metric to assist writers.



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9	N/A	Letter of Intent process. Only required in Maine. No process for selection just heads up. Due on April 30, 2017. The information will NOT be coordinated with applications or be supplemental to the application. A complete application is still required. NBRC staff will not keep track of the info is for the States' notification. Information that will be asked for will be information that will have to have for application, will not be additional or new form.



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11	Previous Recipients required to have 75% of project complete prior to awarding by August 30.	Previous Recipients required to have 75% of project complete prior to awarding by July 30.	



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12	N/A	List Isolated Area of Distress



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13	N/A	Location of project specific to 'downtown' or previously developed area, VT specific reference	



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14	SCOPE FLEXIBILITY: It may be important for decision-makers to understand the impact of reductions in funding. Please provide a narrative describing how the project might be modified if you do not receive match that may be pending, or changes in the scope that may be necessary if resources are not available in full.	Removed: added additional info in financial section to accommodate these issues, but not a scope issue



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15	N/A	STRATEGIC PLAN: The NBRC Strategic Plan can be found at www.nbrc.gov . Explain how this project will help advance the goals of the Strategic Plan and/or explain how the project could contribute to meeting the performance measures outlined.



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1	16	N/A	Revolving Loan Fund programmatic addition and 6 additional application questions



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17	FINANCIAL NEED: Describe efforts to fund this project with other sources, what other sources have you applied for and what is the status? What local efforts have been made to fund the project?	FINANCIAL NEED: Describe efforts to fund this project with other sources. List other sources that have been applied for and what the status is of those funds. What local efforts have been made to fund the project? Please outline why NBRC funds are needed and how the project may or may not move forward without NBRC funds. (e.g., the project will take longer because additional fund raising will need to happen, the project would need to be staged, the project would not move forward, etc.)



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18	N/A	NEPA process. with additional forms with application. Projects that would require a EA or EIS will be coordinated with other federal agencies.



>> Application deadline is 5pm on June 2nd, 2017 << Timeline for FY 17 Grant Round

March 1, 2017 Application is made live on website, announcement of grant funds available, etc.

April 30, 2017 Letters of Intent to Apply due - and Deadline for Waivers for Attainment Counties

Mid may Governor's Alternate meet to approve any Wavers

June 2, 2017 Application deadline

June 16, 2017 NBRC Staff will provide to State's all application summaries and Certified Eligible

July 21, 2017 State's will finalize scoring

July 26, 2017 Governor's of all States will provide Signed prioritization lists

August 1 or 2, 2017 Governor's Alternates will meet Approve Awards

August 1/2 to 7 Congressional Delegation make announcement of awards

August 8 State notification of Awards & notice to unsuccessful applicants - NBRC staff distribution of awards

September 1, 2017 Signed Awards & ACH form must be received back

September 29, 2017 All awards must be obligated