



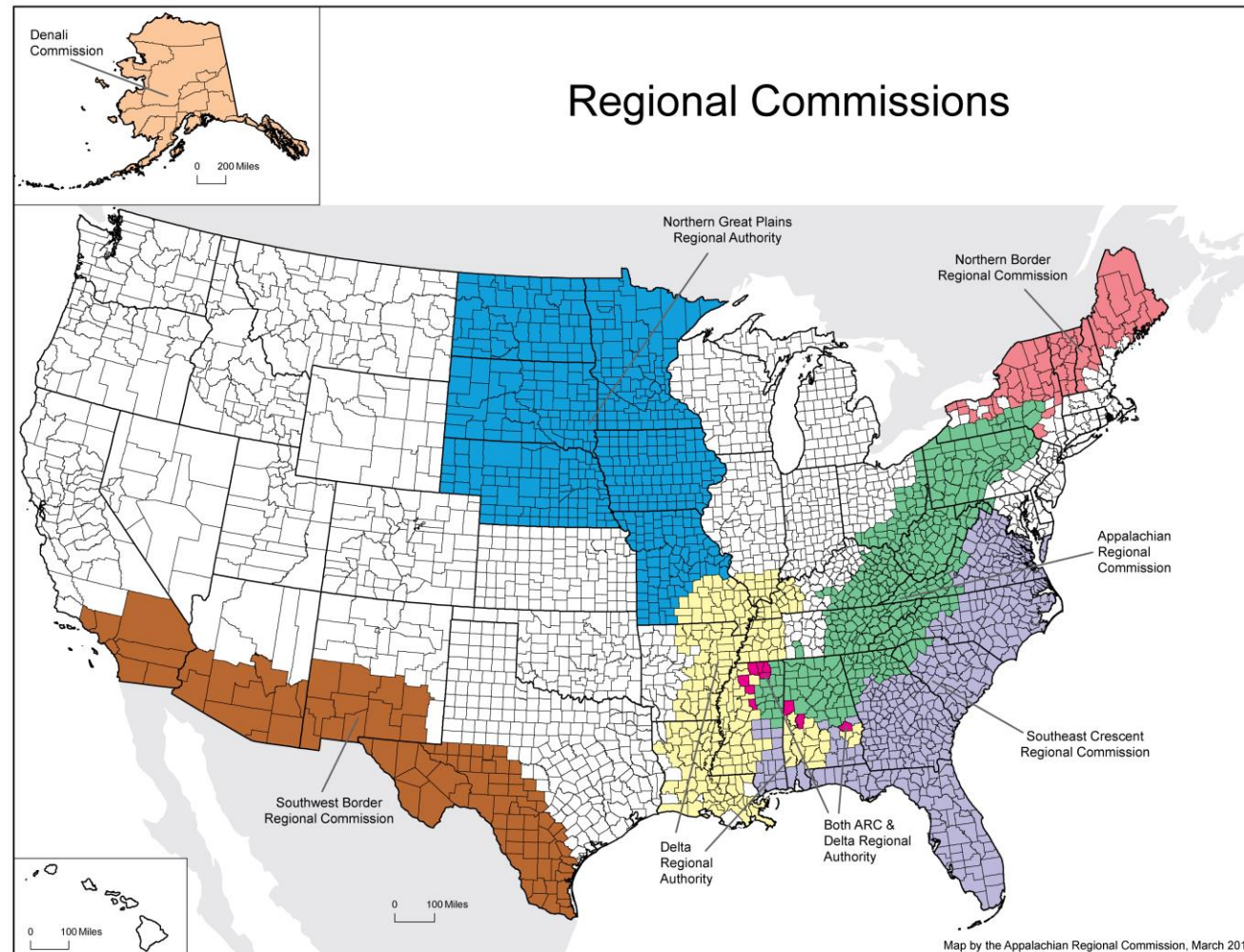
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Northern Border Regional Commission Overview

- Established in 2008
- Partnership between the Federal Government and the State's of Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont
- Purpose is to promote and inspire economic vitality in the rural regions of the member states through infrastructure investments, investments in people, training and communities

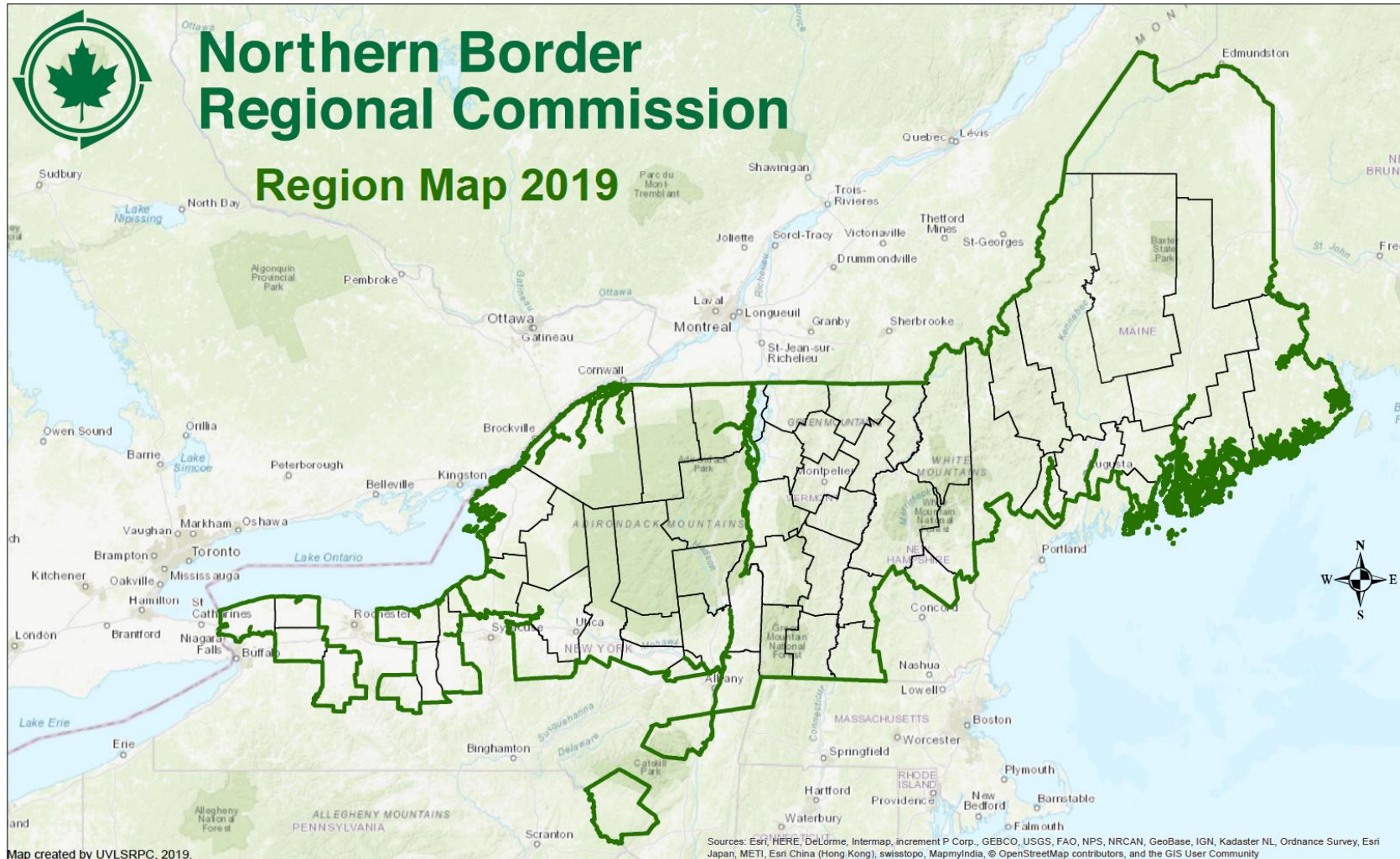


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Northern Border Regional Commission Overview

- Programs
 - State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant
 - Regional Forest Economy Partnership
 - Local Development District
- Reauthorization changes
 - Expansion of the region
 - State Capacity Grant (separate appropriation)
 - Addition of energy as public infrastructure



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Historic Investments

- Between 2010 – 2018 \$42,485,597 in Investments
- Total of 201 Awards

- Requests in 2018: \$26,176,965 – Grants Made: \$11,546,840
- 89 Applications received - 46 Grants Made
- Leveraged Match Ratio - 1:4.5



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Federal Appropriations





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Regional Forest Economy Partnership

PURPOSE: To address the economic shift produced by the chronic and consistent decline of the forest products industry that has led to displacement of a skilled workforce and significant negative demographic changes in the rural areas of the Northern Border Regional Commission region.

GOAL: Fund projects that, when completed, increase the ability of the four-state region to attract new opportunities, that are highly leveraged, transformational investments that have a fundamental impact on community economic revitalization.



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Regional Forest Economy Partnership

Letters of Interest Due	Invitation for Full Application	Full Application Due	Awards Announced
March 15	April 15	May 15	June 15
May 15	June 15	July 15	August 15
September 15	October 15	November 15	December 15



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Regional Forest Economy Partnership

All the same regulations and congressional mandates apply

- Distress Criteria used to determine minimum required match
- 50 % of Appropriations used in Distressed counties
- 40% of Appropriations spent on Infrastructure
- Eligible Applicants
 - Local Governments, Political subdivisions, non-profits, Indian Tribes
- 80% cap on federal dollars in any project



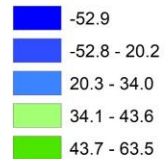
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Regional Forest Economy Partnership Threshold Criteria

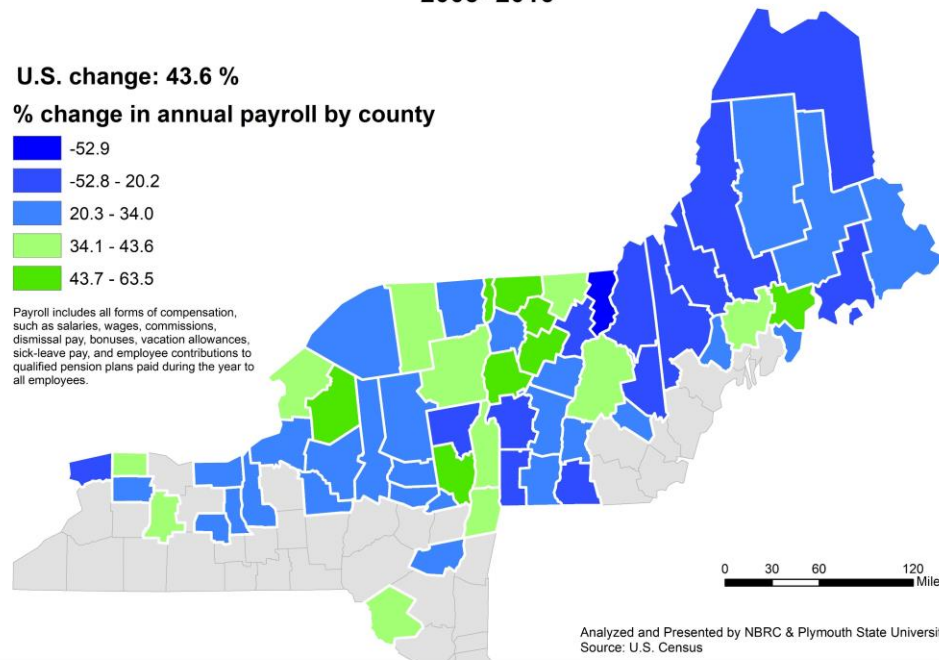
**Payroll in Northern Border Regional Commission Region
2005- 2016**

U.S. change: 43.6 %

% change in annual payroll by county



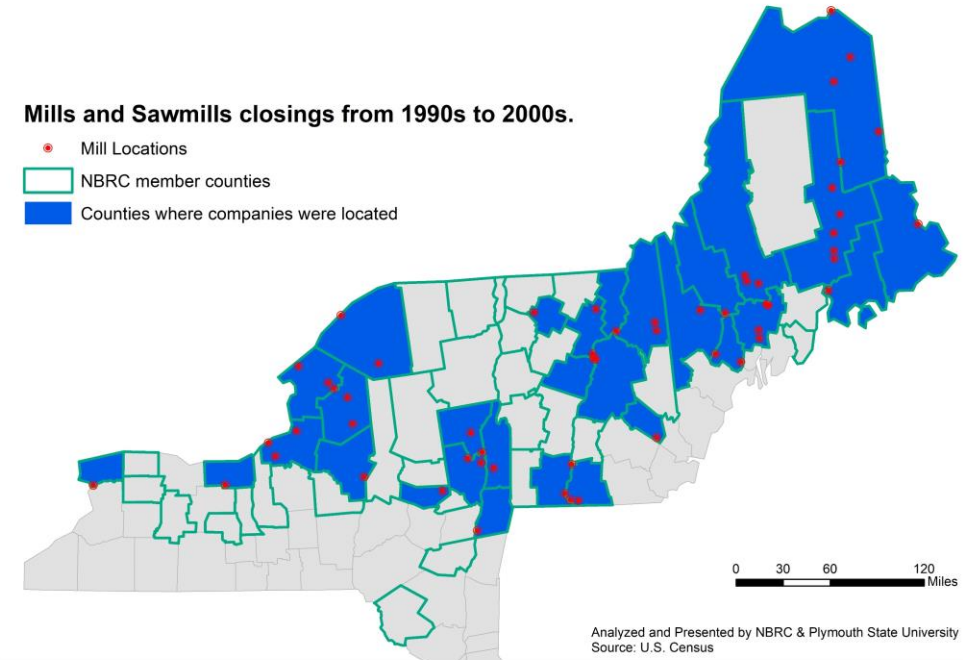
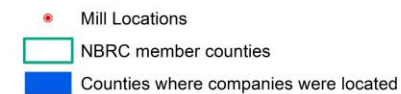
Payroll includes all forms of compensation, such as salaries, wages, commissions, dismissal pay, bonuses, vacation allowances, sick-leave pay, and employee contributions to qualified pension plans paid during the year to all employees.



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Source: U.S. Census

Mills and Sawmill in Northern Border Regional Commission Region

Mills and Sawmills closings from 1990s to 2000s.

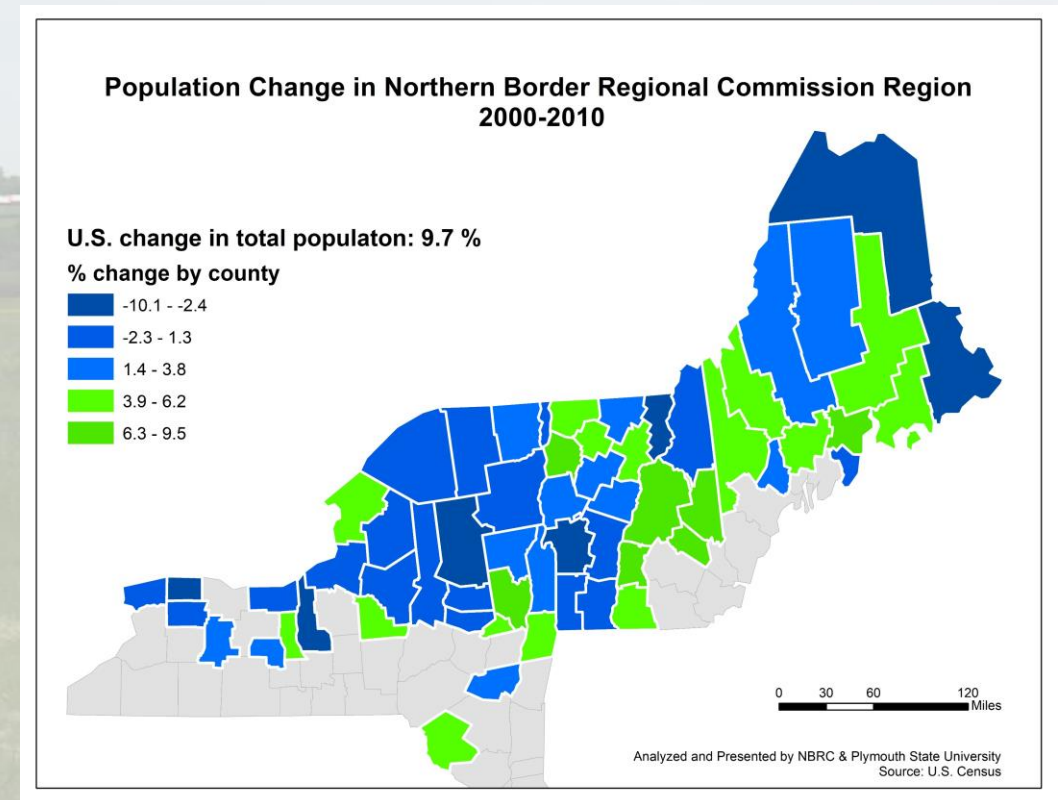
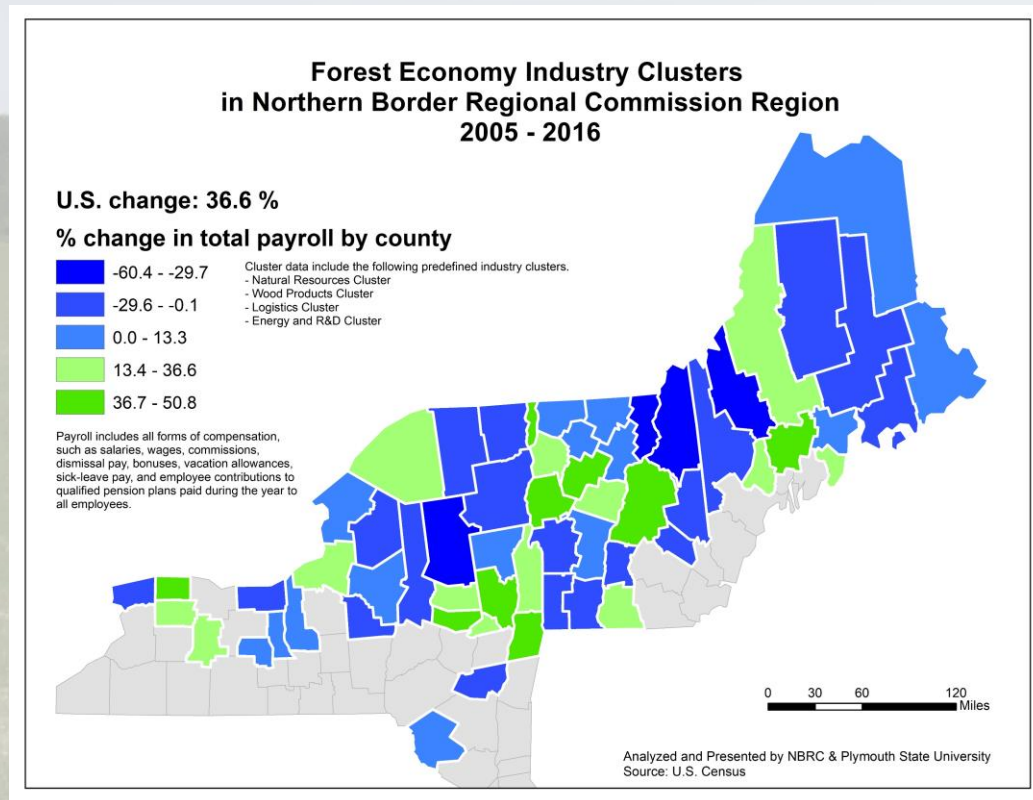


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Regional Forest Economy Partnership Threshold Criteria





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Regional Forest Economy Partnership

- Evaluation Advisory Team
- Invitation to submit full application
- 2 years to complete projects
- 6 months to complete funding
- Projects that are regional in scope



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant Timeline

Applications Due May 10, 2019

- March 29, Letters of Notification (appreciated)
- May 10, Applications Due
- July 26 – August 2, Grant Award Announcements
- August 30, Signed Grant Agreements to NBRC
- September 2- October 18, Mandatory Grant Recipient Webinar
- September 30, 2020, Must receive Notice to Proceed



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

Total Funds Available for 2019
\$14,072,853

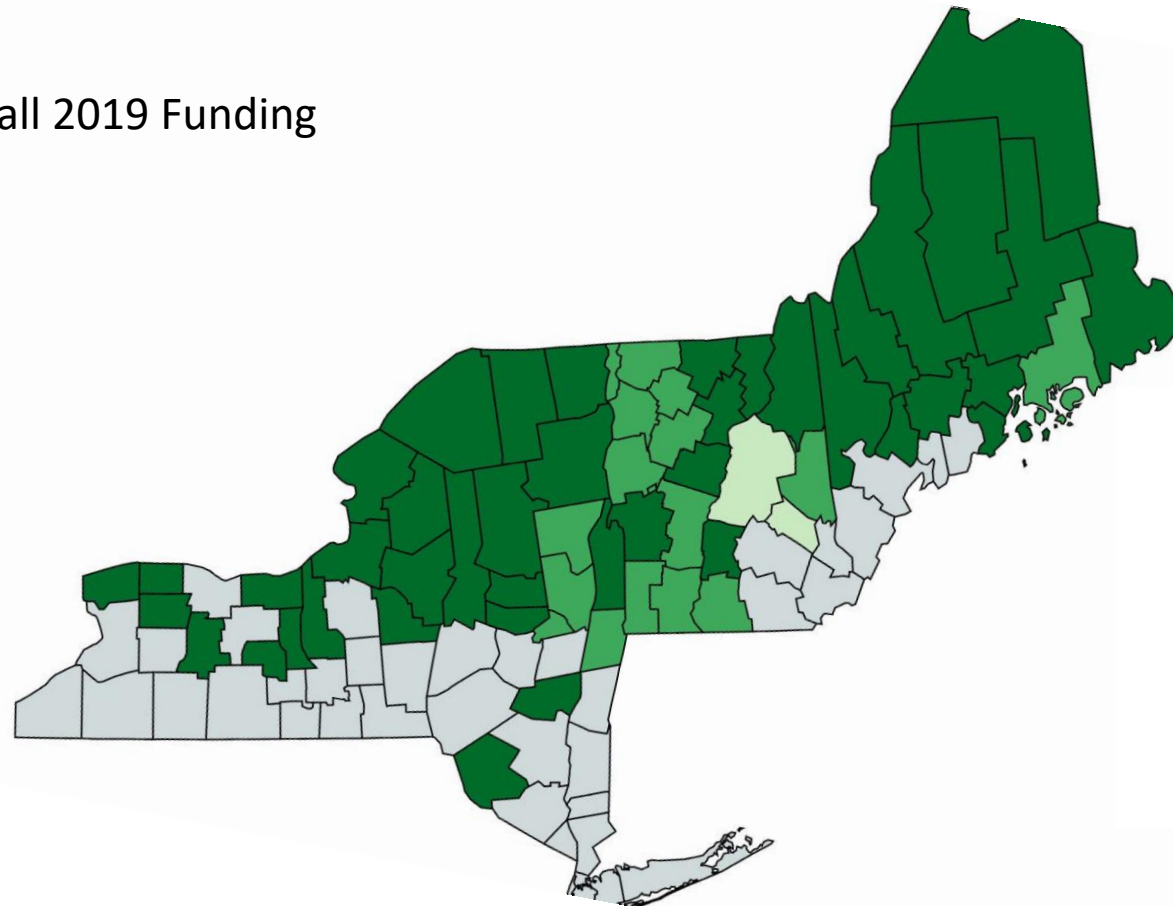
Approximately Allocated evenly across
the four states



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

Distress Criteria for all 2019 Funding



**Northern Border Regional
Commission Distress Criteria
2019**

-  Distressed %20 Minimum Required
-  Transitional %50 Minimum Match Required
-  Attainment non eligible county



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Who is eligible?

- State and Local Governments - including villages, towns, cities, and counties
- Other political subdivisions - e.g. Regional Planning Commissions
- Native Indian Tribes
- Non-profit entities with a 501 (c) status
- Past recipients are eligible if they have completed 75% of their past projects.

Who is NOT eligible?

- For - Profit Entities
- LLC's or other entities that are not a 501 (c)
- Any 'eligible' entity that is ineligible due to past history with administering federal funds

Are Past Recipients Eligible?

- The entity has submitted reimbursement requests totalling at least 75% of the current project
- and, the entity has demonstrated that at least 75% of committed match has been completed by

July 12, 2019

Federal Ceiling

Yes, NBRC funding can be used to match other Federal Funding programs HOWEVER, it can only be used to match up to 80% of the total project costs.



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What are eligible uses?

*Transportation Infrastructure
*Telecommunication Infrastructure
*Basic Public Infrastructure
Business and Workforce Development
Basic Health Care
Resource Conservation, Tourism and Recreation
Renewable and Alternative Energy
Studies and planning such as engineering

(* Indicates infrastructure projects)

Eligible Costs

Bricks and Mortar
Training and Education
And those things that are necessary to
implementation of a project

What are NOT eligible uses?

- pass-thru funds
- projects that relocate businesses from one area of the region to another
- supplant existing Federal Programs
- projects that promote unfair competition between businesses with the same service area

Ineligible Costs

- Food and beverages for meetings
- Alcohol
- Entertainment
- Appraisal costs
- Allowance or payment of debt



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

New Hampshire Attainment Counties

<http://www.nbrc.gov/uploads/NBRC%20Annual%20Economic%20%26%20Demographic%20Research%20for%20Fiscal%20Year%202019.pdf>

Waivers for projects with Attainment Counties are due April 5, 2019



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

Multi-State, Multi-County Applications

Encouraged

Average the county distress criteria

Match – What can be used

80% federal cap

Volunteer time

Indirect rate

Municipal force accounts

In-kind

donations



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

Changes from 2018

- State Priorities
- New counties
- Distress Criteria
- Budget Form
 - <http://www.nbrc.gov/>



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

Notice to Proceed

- Grant Agreement signed
- Funding in place
- Items listed in Grant Agreement Completed



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State Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant

Are you prepared to submit an application in 2019?

- Match will be secured by September 2020
- Eligible Entity
- Clear scope of work
- Budget that has been vetted with known costs
- Have ownership/control over property

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