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**Northern Border Regional Commission**  
2017 Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program



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## A Little Background

Established in 2008

Partnership between Federal Government and the State's of Maine , New Hampshire, New York and Vermont

Modeled after other Federal Commissions  
(specifically, Appalachian Regional Commission)

The Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program is one program within the Commission

**Applications are due 5pm, June 02, 2017**

Maximum amount per application \$500,000 for infrastructure\* projects and \$250,000 for other projects

Unknown amount of funding for 2017

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## Current Stats

NBRC from 2010 to 2016

- \$21,237,477 Awarded to 115 Projects (average award \$184,670)
- \$76,318,993 Match funds committed
- Ratio of 1-3.5
- 76 Open Projects (some financially completed)





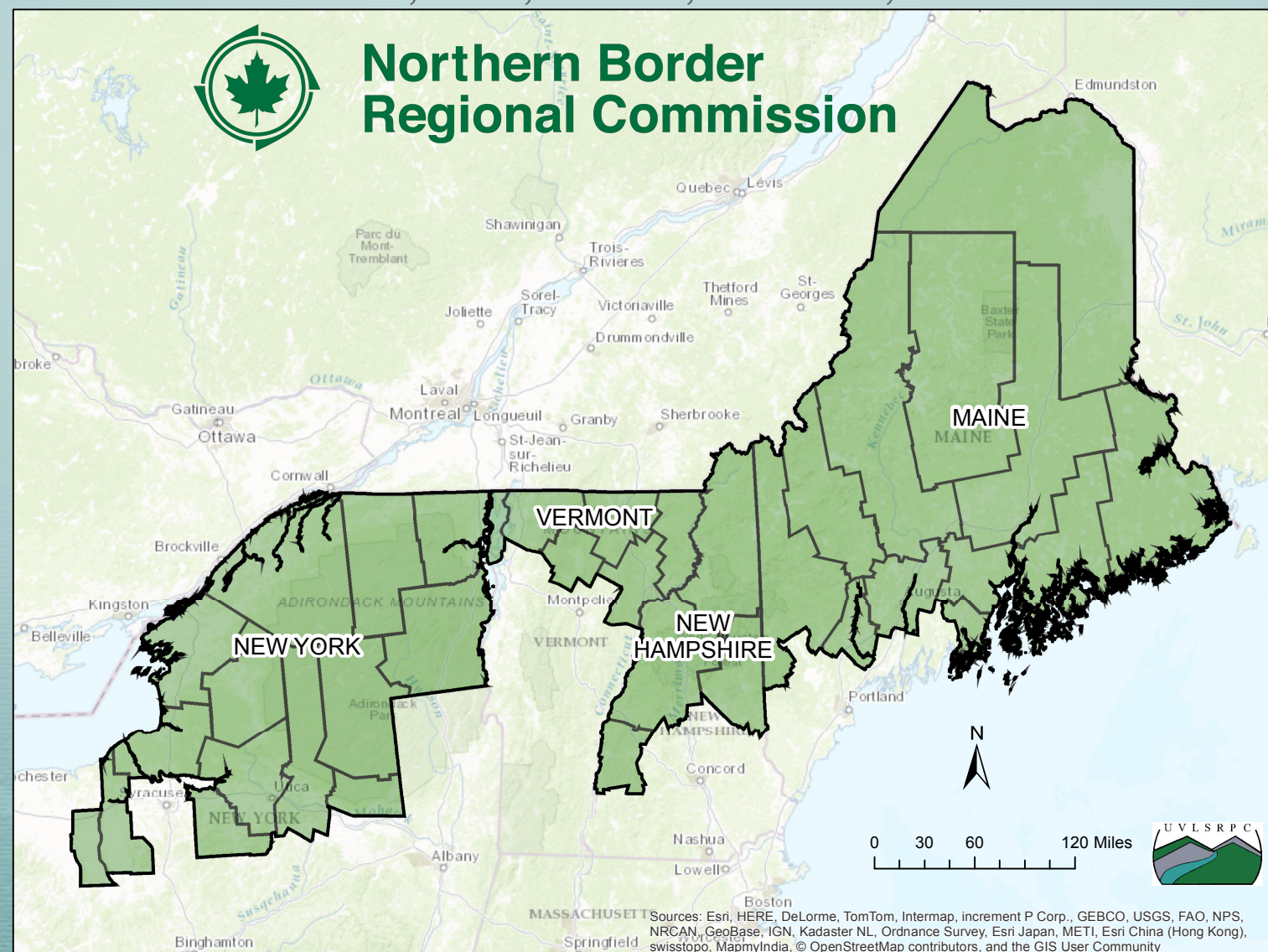
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**Maine** - Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington

**New Hampshire** - Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan

**New York** - Cayuga, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Seneca and St. Lawrence

**Vermont** - Caledonia, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille and Orleans







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## Who's Eligible?

- State Government Agencies
- Local Governments - including: villages, towns, cities, and counties
- Other Political subdivisions of the State - e.g. Regional Planning Commissions
- Native Indian Tribes
- Non-profit entities with a 501 (c) status

## Who's NOT Eligible?

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

## Are Past Recipients Eligible?

### **Yes, if both:**

- The entity has submitted reimbursement requests totaling at least 75% of the current project
- and, the entity has demonstrated that at least 75% of their match has been completed by July 30, 2017



## 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

(\* Indicates infrastructure projects)





## Ineligible Uses

- Pass thru funds to ineligible applicants
- Projects that relocate businesses from one area of the region to another
- To supplement existing Federal programs
- Projects that promote unfair competition between businesses with the same service area



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## Eligible Costs

Reasonable fees associated with contractors to complete projects  
Staff costs associated with technical assistance projects  
Construction, pre-construction such as engineering  
Indirect Cost (where applicable)  
Other applicable and allocable costs outlined in federal grant-making

## Ineligible Costs

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

## Federal Ceiling

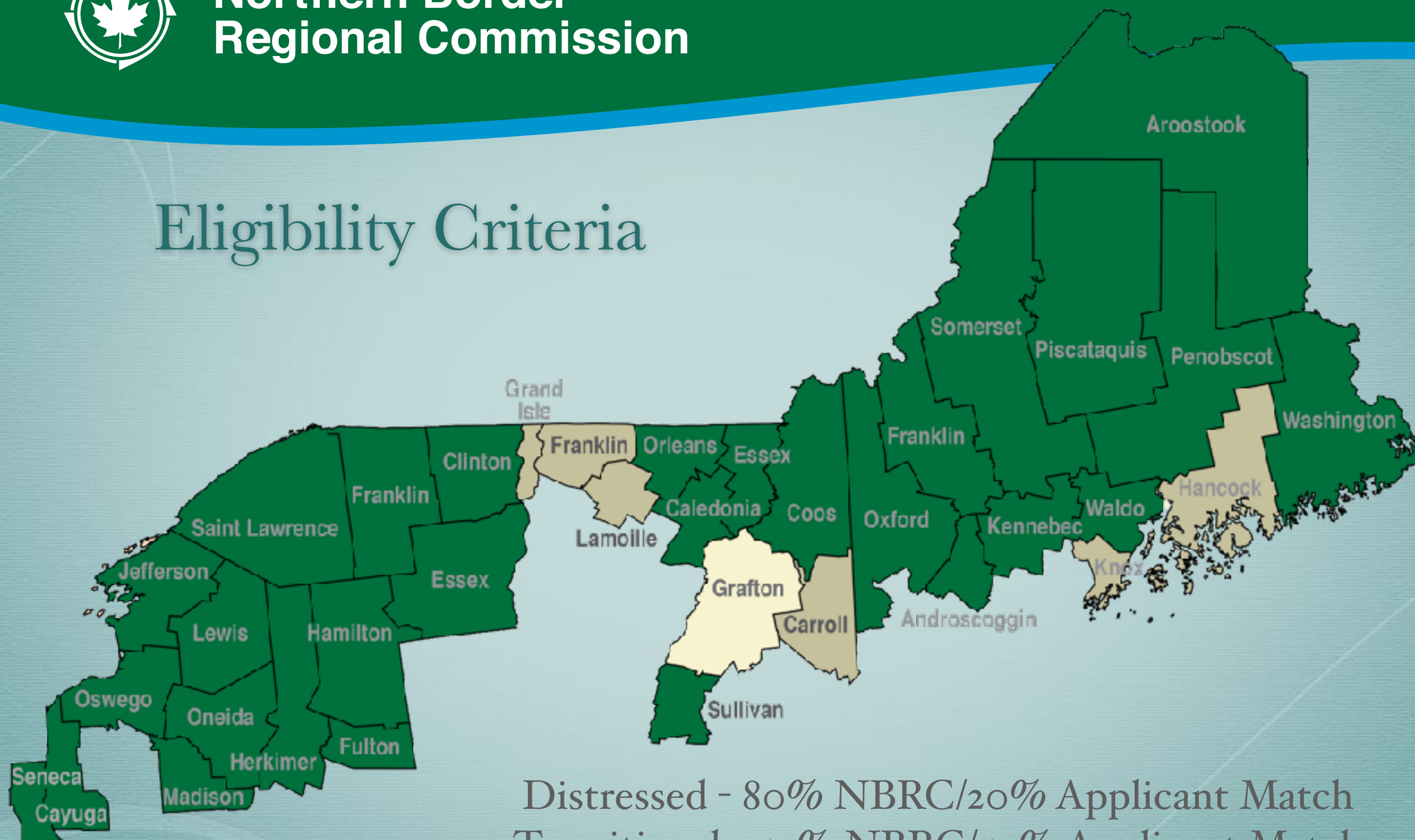
Yes, NBRC funding can be used to match other Federal programs - **HOWEVER**, it can only be used to match up to 80% of the total project costs





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## Eligibility Criteria



Distressed - 80% NBRC/20% Applicant Match  
Transitional - 50% NBRC/50% Applicant Match  
Attainment - ineligible \*



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## \*Exceptions to Attainment Counties

### Isolated Areas of Distress

Communities that demonstrate at least one of the Primary Distress Criteria

### Multi County

Average of all counties within the Application or 50%, whichever is greater

### Significant Benefit

A waiver must be granted if neither an Isolated Area nor a Multi County - The Federal Co-Chair and the Governors (representatives) may provide a waiver when the project is located within an Attainment County when its outcomes clearly benefit populations in Distressed or Transitional Counties. Waivers must be submitted to [admin@nbrc.gov](mailto:admin@nbrc.gov) on or before April 30, 2017. Approved  
Waivers must be submitted with the full application.





## What Can Be Used As Match?

### Review the Application Manual

Indirect Rate may be used  
Volunteer rate  
Municipal force accounts  
In-kind  
Land/easements



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## The Application

What has changed since last year?

- Feasibility, Marketing and Engineering studies may be awarded
- Maximum amount of award has been increased to \$500,000 for infrastructure projects — however, also the maximum amount for any project including multi-state is \$500,000.
- Alignment with the recently adopted NBRC Strategic Plan
- New Distress Criteria
- Multi - County match simplified
- Significant Benefits Waiver due April 30, 2017
- Scoring metric - note State specific
- Letter of Intent process, should be filed by April 30, 2017 to [admin@nbrc.gov](mailto:admin@nbrc.gov)
- Previous recipient date of completion changed to July 30
- New questions: Location of project i.e. downtown, relevance of project to Strategic Plan, isolated area of distress
- Revolving Loan Fund opportunity
- NEPA





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# Metrics for Prioritization

Reference Hand Out



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## TIPS!

Clearly State the Amount of NBRC Investment You Are Applying For!!

Total Project Cost = \$690,000

**NBRC funds = \$250,000**

Other Funding Sources = \$440,000

Read the NBRC Strategic Plan

Have a Good Work Plan (give it to someone not associated with your organization)

Read the Application Manual

## How Much Narrative is Needed?

Project Focus (50 words)

Economic Impact

Outcomes

Work Plan

Strategic Plan

Financial Need





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## Clarifications/Process

No Project shall begin without first receiving a **Notice To Proceed**

A **Notice to Proceed** will not be issued prior to Match being secured

All Match must be secured by September 30, 2018

All Projects begin October 1, 2017 and end no later than September 30, 2020

Land transfers or other 'match' may **NOT** take place prior to the **Notice to Proceed** being issued

## How to Apply

# TBD

Keep watching the Website for Details

[www.nbrc.gov](http://www.nbrc.gov)

Will always accept paper applications at 53 Pleasant Street, Suite 3602, Concord, NH 03301



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## Timeline

**>> Application deadline is 5pm on June 2, 2017 <<**

03/1/17 - EID Investment Program Announcement, and application materials available on [www.nbrc.gov](http://www.nbrc.gov)

04/30/17 - Letters of Intent and Attainment Area Waivers due to [admin@nbrc.gov](mailto:admin@nbrc.gov)

**06/02/17** - ALL applications due

07/21/17 - States complete scoring of applications

07/30/17 - Last day to submit SF207 Reimbursement request and demonstrate 75% match met for applicants that have outstanding projects prior to this round, or funds are awarded to other applicants

08/02/17 to 08/05/17 - States' Alternates and Federal Co-Chair meet to approve applications. Following receipt of prioritized list, letters from Governors, notification of awarded and denied applications

09/01/17 - Awardees must return signed award and banking information to NBRC

09/30/18 - All Match must be in place (secured and documented)

09/30/20 - All projects must be completed





## Other Documents

- NBRC Strategic Plan
- Application Manual
- Grant Administration Manual

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