



REGIONAL FOREST ECONOMY PARTNERSHIP (RFEP) OVERVIEW

AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$5,000,000

AWARD SIZE: The maximum award size is \$1,000,000. A minimum award size is \$250,000.

GOAL: Fund projects that, when completed, increase the ability of the four-state region to attract new opportunities that leverage significant additional investments, and that over time have a potentially transformational impact on community economic revitalization.

FUNDING AREAS:

1. New technology and innovations that seek to find new uses for forest products and evolve traditional forest economy business models into those that can create sustainable future commercial markets & opportunities.
2. Workforce re-training and development for the purpose of building the skills needed for forest products businesses.
3. New industries, or the expansion of current industries (e.g., outdoor recreation), that can provide employment and economic growth opportunities in formerly forest industry-dependent communities.
4. COVID-19 Impacts: Collaborative, multi-state projects designed to address innovative solutions to structural weaknesses highlighted by the pandemic, and community efforts to recover economically.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Local governments (village, town, city and county);
Other political subdivisions of States (regional planning commissions, authorities of the state);
Indian Tribes;
Non-profit entities.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

LETTERS OF INTEREST: Letters of Interest must be submitted to rfep@nbrc.gov and will be accepted from all eligible applicants no later than **5:00 p.m. EST August 28, 2020**.

FULL APPLICATION: Full applications will only be accepted from those entities expressly invited to apply based on the review of the Letters of Interest, and must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. EST, October 30, 2020** to rfep@nbrc.gov.

CONTACTS: For those considering applications in 2020, please contact the NBRC Program Director and the NBRC Program Managers in the States where the proposed project will take place.

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