



## STATE ECONOMIC & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SEID)

### Who is NBRC?

Established by Congress in 2008, the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is a partnership between the federal government and the States of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. The mission of the NBRC is to fund economic development and infrastructure projects throughout designated counties in its four-state service area. The governance of the NBRC is based on the Appalachian Regional Commission model created in the 1960s.

The NBRC partnership provides investments to job-creating projects that help reduce poverty, unemployment, and outmigration. NBRC investment funds originate from the Federal Government but are approved by the Federal Government's NBRC representative (Federal Co-Chair) and the Governors of the four States.

### NBRC Commission Service Area (updated yearly)

Only projects within the NBRC's service area are eligible for funding under [40 U.S.C. §15733](#).

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

**New Hampshire:** Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, and Sullivan counties.

**New York:** Cayuga, Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Franklin, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Orleans, Oswego, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Seneca, Sullivan, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Yates counties

**Vermont:** All counties

### Who is Eligible to apply?

- Local governments (village, town, city, and county)

- Other political subdivisions of States (regional planning commissions, authorities of the state)
- Indian Tribes: § 200.54 Indian tribe (or “federally recognized Indian tribe”). Indian tribe means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. Chapter 33), which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians (25 U.S.C. 450b(e)). See annually published Bureau of Indian Affairs list of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services
- Non-profit entities. The term ‘nonprofit entity’ means any organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that Code. The non-profit entity must be able to demonstrate they have federal grant experience and organizational capacity related to economic development.

## Ineligible Applicants

- Ineligible applicants include for-profit entities, LLCs and other entities that are not a 501(c), 40 U.S.C. §15101(c).
- Ineligible entities are also those entities normally deemed eligible but, due to prior federal or state funding history have been identified as ineligible for future investments.
- A non-profit identified by a state that does not have a federally recognized 501(c) status is not an eligible applicant.

## Previous SEID Applicants

If a grantee has a prior outstanding SEID investment with NBRC, they are not eligible to seek additional NBRC funding until their current project has both: submitted reimbursement requests totaling 75% or more of the project and demonstrated that 75% of the cost share has been expended. If a project will be unable to meeting the 75% expenditure requirement, they may apply for a waiver. **The waiver must be approved by NBRC for the applicant to be eligible to submit an SEID application for additional funding.**

## Eligible Purpose

The following funding categories constitute eligible activities for NBRC investments as defined in NBRC’s enabling legislation.

Congress requires NBRC to award 40% of all funds to public infrastructure projects. Congress defines public infrastructure projects (in NBRC's authorizing language) as "transportation", "basic public," "telecommunications," and "energy". NBRC allows infrastructure projects a maximum grant amount of \$1M to ensure the 40% threshold is met.

### **Infrastructure Categories, \$1MM maximum award\*:**

Transportation Infrastructure

Basic Public Infrastructure

Telecommunications Infrastructure

Renewable and Alternative Energy

\*A project must include construction and be defined as infrastructure to be eligible to apply for \$1MM. Projects that are infrastructure but do not include construction, such as engineering and design work only, are eligible for a maximum award of \$350,000.

### **Non-Infrastructure Categories, \$350,000 maximum award\*\*:**

Business and Workforce Development

Basic Health Care

Resource Conservation, Tourism, Recreation

\*\*Projects that include construction and are defined as non-infrastructure are eligible for a maximum award of \$350,000.

### **Ineligible Purposes**

- No pass-through funding will be awarded. Eligible entities may not be conduits for ineligible entities such as private-sector businesses or other entities that are not listed as Co-Applicants. Property purchased with NBRC funding cannot, in turn, be sold or donated to the private entity beneficiary.
- No financial assistance will be authorized to assist any relocation from one area of the region to another.
- NBRC investment funds cannot be used to "supplant" existing federal programs.
- Funds may be used to match other federally funded projects (when both federal agencies allow) only when the total grant funds from all federal entities do not exceed 80% of the total project budget.

- Projects that promote unfair competition between businesses with the same immediate service area.

## Decision Making Process

SEID application are reviewed, scored, and prioritized by the State(s) where the project is located.

Consensus between the four State Governors and the Federal Co-Chair based on applications being prioritized by the States. State economic development plans influence decision-making as does the NBRC's Five Year Strategic Plan.

## Who Represents my State on the Commission?

**Maine:** Governor Janet Mills represented by her chosen alternate **Heather Johnson**,  
Commissioner of the Department of Economic & Community Development

**New Hampshire:** Governor Chris Sununu represented by his chosen alternate **Taylor Caswell**,  
Commissioner of the Department of Business and Economic Affairs

**New York:** Governor Kathy Hochul represented by her chosen Alternate, **Mark Pattison**, Deputy  
Secretary of State, Division of Local Government Services

**Vermont:** Governor Phil Scott represented by his chosen alternate **Tayt Brooks**, Deputy  
Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development.

## Who should I contact to discuss a proposed SEID project further?

SEID applications for funding are reviewed, scored, and prioritized by the States. Those efforts are coordinated by the respective State Program Manager who can be contacted as follows:

**Maine:** NBRC State Program Manager **Charlotte Mace** Phone (207) 624-7448 or email  
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## Who has received SEID investment funds in the past?

You can find a listing of funding recipients by year on each State page of NBRC's website [www.nbrc.gov](http://www.nbrc.gov): Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.

Please visit [www.nbrc.gov](http://www.nbrc.gov) for additional program information as it becomes available.