



Forest Economy Program Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where can I find scoring information?

A: Scoring criteria is detailed within the Forest Economy Program Manual found on NBRC's website, [here](#).

Q: Are for-profits eligible for funding through NBRC's Forest Economy Program?

A: No. For-profits may not receive direct or indirect funding from the NBRC.

Q: Do projects need to span multiple states?

A: Projects are not required to span multiple states.

Q: Do outdoor recreation projects fit within the forest economy program?

A: Outdoor recreation projects that include the use of wood products or wood heat are eligible for Forest Economy Funding. Projects that simply include components of outdoor recreation in forested areas will not be competitive under the Forest Economy Program.

Q: What are eligible expenses for this program?

A: Eligible expenses are listed on page 7 of NBRC's Forest Economy Program Manual, which can be found [here](#).



Q: Can an eligible entity within an attainment county apply for funding for a project that serves distressed and transitional counties?

A: An eligible entity within an attainment county may be eligible for NBRC funding if the project is occurring within NBRC's service area and provides substantial, significant, and measurable benefit and economic impact to communities within NBRC's region. In this case, the entity must submit a Significant Benefit Waiver, to be approved by the Governors of each state and the Federal Co-Chair in order to be eligible for an invitation to submit a full application.

Q: Do non-wood products derived from Northern Border forests count as "forest products"

A: No. When we refer to forest products, we are strictly referring to products produced using trees from forests within NBRC's service territory.

Q: How will the \$7M in funding be split between the Spring and Fall award rounds?

A: NBRC will make \$7M in grants available, with a maximum award of \$1M. NBRC will not split this sum between the Spring and Fall award rounds, but rather the \$7 million is the total amount available for both rounds in 2023.

Q: How should partnerships be identified on the LOI or application?

A: Any and all project partners and their respective roles should be clearly identified in your Letter of Interest.

Q: Can one organization apply for multiple grants?



A: One organization may apply for multiple grants, however the entity is unlikely to be awarded twice in one year.

Q: Will partial awards be considered?

A: Awards are based on the availability of NBRC funding, and partial awards may be made.

Q: Can one applicant apply under more than one NBRC grant program (for example SEID and FEP)?

A: It is not our recommendation that entities plan to apply through multiple NBRC grant programs in a given year. NBRC's various programs have different application requirements, and applying through multiple programs will be time intensive. Instead, should you need help determining to which NBRC program to apply, we recommend entities contact NBRC staff with your project concept. NBRC staff can help determine in which program your project will be most competitive. In the event an eligible entity submits a letter of interest to the Forest Economy Program (for example), which would be more competitive in another NBRC program, NBRC will make a recommendation to the applicant at that time, before a full application has been developed.