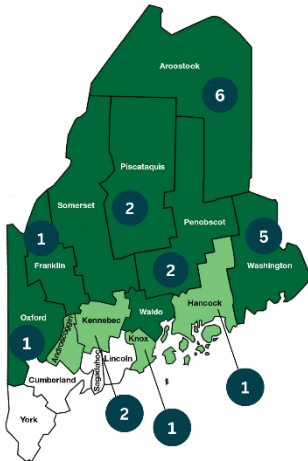




Northern Border Regional Commission

State of Maine 2024 Catalyst Program Awards



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2024 Applicant Summary		
	Spring Round	Fall Round
Total Number of Applicants	25	14
Total Funds Requested	\$19,457,059.04	\$9,622,867
Total Number of Awards	12	9
Total Funds Awarded	\$7,368,941.05	\$5,122,867

2024 Spring Awards

Aroostook County

Spring Award to: Town of Grand Isle

Project: Upgrade the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and four Wastewater Pump Stations, as well as construct new sludge drying beds in the Town.

Location of Project: Aroostook County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$250,000.00*

Total Project Amount: \$4,195,000.00

*This project received an additional \$750,000 in funding through NBRC's partnership program with EDA

Spring Award to: Aroostook Micmac Council

Project: Assist the Nation with expansion of its existing recirculating aquaculture fish hatchery, to create additional job opportunities and improve the long-term economic sustainability of the hatchery, and to create both economic and food resilience within the community.

Location of Project: Aroostook County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$625,000.00

Spring Award to: Town of Fort Kent

Project: Expand and relocate the Town's outdoor skating rink and support Aroostook County's outdoor recreation industry.

Location of Project: Aroostook County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Spring Award to: Washburn Trailrunners Snowmobile Club

Project: Renovation of the club house to include the construction of a fire-resistant wall to support Aroostook County's snowmobile and outdoor recreation industry.

Location of Project: Aroostook County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$44,704.00

Total Project Amount: \$55,880.00

Franklin County

Spring Award to: Beth Brunswick Memorial Fund

Project: Construction of a nonprofit licensed childcare center in Rangeley, Maine with a capacity of up to 74 children.

Location of Project: Franklin County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$3,234,853.00

Hancock County

Spring Award to: City of Ellsworth

Project: Construction of a new water treatment plant on the site of the existing treatment plant adjacent to Branch Lake.

Location of Project: Hancock County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$13,837,000.00

Knox County

Spring Award to: Town of Rockport

Project: Sewer expansion project for commercial zones parcel and additional sewer line to promote two income housing developments aimed at providing over fifty housing units.

Location of Project: Knox County (CD-01)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,400,000.00

Oxford County

Spring Award to: Town of Bethel

Project: Wastewater treatment system upgrades.

Location of Project: Oxford County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,250,000.00

Penobscot County

Spring Award to: Maine Audubon Society

Project: Facility renovations and additions at the Fields Pond Audubon Center (FPAC), located

in Holden, Maine.

Location of Project: Penobscot County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$756,655.16

Total Project Amount: \$946,456.74

Washington County

Spring Award to: Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center

Project: Workforce development project to catalyze aquaculture section development in an area of Maine with distinct and disproportionate risks to communities related to extreme weather.

Location of Project: Washington County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$484,447.00

Total Project Amount: \$625,359.00

Spring Award to: Beth C. Wright Cancer Center

Project: Regional, collaborative, and transformative community approaches that alleviate the burden of treatment on cancer patients and their families while increasing educational opportunity for those in treatment as well as their care providers.

Location of Project: Washington County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$333,135.39

Total Project Amount: \$515,734.88

Spring Award to: Downeast Institute

Project: Renovation of four existing, unused seasonal cottages directly adjacent to the Downeast Institute's marine laboratories, intertidal field research site, education center and shellfish hatchery, for year-round use by science personnel and new employees.

Location of Project: Washington County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$499,999.50

Total Project Amount: \$625,033.75

2024 Fall Awards

Aroostook County

Fall Award to: Loring Development Authority

Project: NBRC funds will be used for the construction of an anaerobic digester. This initiative aims to enhance the Loring Commerce Centre's appeal to a prospective \$60,000,000 potato chip production plant, earmarked for the site of the former Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine.

Location of Project: Aroostook County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,604,505.00

Fall Award to: City of Presque Isle

Project: NBRC funding will be used to upgrade the commercial kitchen at The Forum, a city-

owned building which is an important year-round, multi-use large event venue. Upgrades to the kitchen will allow the city to expand the number and types of events held at The Forum, bringing in tourist and recreation opportunities. The building also serves as an emergency shelter for all of Central Aroostook due to its location and capacity to serve 5,000 individuals.

Location of Project: Aroostook County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$240,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$300,000.00

Kennebec County

Fall Award to: RSU 38 – Maranacook Area Schools

Project: Development of a driving range for Commercial Driver Licensing will allow for two CDL vehicles to train students at the same time and provide a training location that is not shared with other school or public traffic. The CDL range expansion will train students faster and more efficiently, decreasing the current training cycle from four to three months. The added range size will also facilitate the eventual expansion into class A truck driver training.

Location of Project: Kennebec County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$100,000.00

Fall Award to: City of Augusta

Project: Renovation of a HVAC system located in the Buker Community Center's - Child Care Center will allow the center to avoid extreme indoor temperatures during the spring and summer months. This investment will alleviate extreme heat conditions that have previously forced the childcare center to scale back their hours of operation, impacting working families.

Location of Project: Kennebec County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$82,867.00

Total Project Amount: \$167,998.50

Penobscot County

Fall Award to: City of Bangor

Project: The "Central Kitchen" project, a shared-use commercial kitchen incubator, will benefit agricultural producers and processors in Maine as a strategy for business development and job creation in Maine's clusters of agriculture and food processing. The Central Kitchen will be available to start-up businesses to prepare, package and market locally produced merchandise, business start-up technical assistance as well as special events and retail space.

Location of Project: Penobscot County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$5,460,343.04

Piscataquis County

Fall Award to: Town of Greenville

Project: The Town of Greenville will construct a new childcare center on the Greenville Consolidated School campus, along with public pre-K classrooms and a community recreation

center. The childcare center will increase available licensed childcare slots from 40 to 72 to help meet the current and future need for additional infant and toddler care, as well as afterschool and summer care for school age children.

Location of Project: Piscataquis County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$3,245,000.00

Fall Award to: Dover & Foxcroft Water District

Project: The drinking water distribution line to the community of Dover-Foxcroft is approximately 100 years old and travels through a remote area of town leaving a developing commercial area without access. In an effort to provide for the area's growing economy, the District will replace and relocate the water main to the right-of-way of US Rt. 15.

Location of Project: Piscataquis County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,605,000.00

Washington County

Fall Award to: Danforth Water District

Project: The Danforth Water District will replace a 4,500' failing, unlined iron water main, which serves households and businesses throughout the downtown. Along with 2 valves, 5 fire hydrants, and other appurtenances, the project will also provide approximately 17 new copper service connections in place of existing connections.

Location of Project: Washington County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,500,559.00

Fall Award to: Passamaquoddy Tribe

Project: The drinking water distribution line to the community of Dover-Foxcroft is approximately 100 years old and travels through a remote area of town leaving a developing commercial area without access. In an effort to provide for the area's growing economy, the District will replace and relocate the water main to the right-of-way of US Rt. 15.

Location of Project: Washington County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$250,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$625,000.00