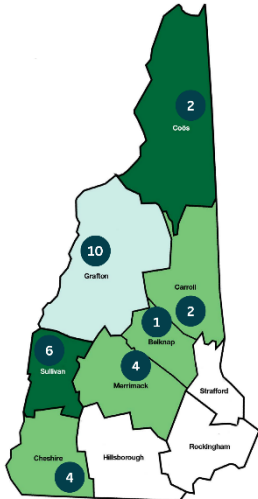




Northern Border Regional Commission

State of New Hampshire 2025 Catalyst Program Awards



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2025 Applicant Summary		
	Spring Round	Fall Round
Total Number of Applicants	15	18
Total Funds Requested	\$ 7,415,581.72	\$8,718,421.56
Total Number of Awards	14	15
Total Funds Awarded	\$6,615,581.72	\$7,994,068.56

2025 Spring Awards

Belknap County

Spring Award to: Partnership for Public Health, Inc.

Project: NBRC funds will be used to renovate a community public health building in Laconia, NH, enhancing accessibility, safety, and energy efficiency. This project will install ADA-compliant features, upgrade building systems, and improve security to better serve older adults, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged residents of Belknap County. By modernizing critical infrastructure, PPH aims to strengthen healthcare access, promote workforce participation, and support long-term economic and community resilience.

Location of Project: Belknap County (CD-01)

Grant Amount: \$399,050.00

Total Project Amount: \$818,300.00

Carroll County

Spring Award to: New Hampshire Boat Museum

Project: NBRC funds will be used to support Phase 2 of its tourism and recreation project, enhancing community engagement and economic development in Carroll County. This initiative includes a 6,500-square-foot renovation of the museum's main floor, creating educational spaces, flexible exhibits, offices, and conference areas to strengthen tourism and workforce retention. By investing in this expansion, the project aligns with New Hampshire's Business and Economic Affairs goals, reinforcing the state's tourism brand and supporting local economic vitality.

Location of Project: Carroll County (CD-01)

Grant Amount: \$250,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$500,000.00

Cheshire County

Spring Award to: Franklin Pierce University

Project: NBRC funds will be used to upgrade the wastewater treatment system, ensuring compliance with new environmental regulations and supporting campus operations. The project will add a third Rapid Infiltration Basin (RIB) and related infrastructure improvements, enhancing water treatment capacity and sustainability. By securing this funding, FPU can continue expanding healthcare programs, strengthening workforce development, and contributing to the economic and environmental health of Cheshire and Sullivan counties.

Location of Project: Cheshire County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$960,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,200,000.00

Coos County

Spring Award to: Coos County Family Health Services

Project: NBRC funds will be used to renovate and expand a dental clinic in downtown Berlin, NH, doubling capacity to meet growing oral health needs. The renovated facility will add four exam rooms, accommodate visiting specialists, and provide training space for allied dental professionals while integrating accessibility and modern ventilation improvements. This initiative aims to address increased demand following the expansion of the adult Medicaid dental benefit in New Hampshire, ensuring comprehensive care for local residents.

Location of Project: Coos County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$222,437.00

Total Project Amount: \$278,047.00

Grafton County

Spring Award to: Franconia Children's Center

Project: NBRC funds will be used to purchase and upgrade its current facility, ensuring long-term sustainability and expanding childcare capacity by nearly 50%. These funds will support critical health and safety improvements, reduce operational costs, and enhance employee retention through increased wages and benefits. By securing the building and modernizing infrastructure, FCC aims to strengthen early childhood education, support working families, and promote economic stability in the region.

Location of Project: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$428,629.72

Total Project Amount: \$857,259.44

Spring Award to: Town of Groton

Project: NBRC funds will be used to construct a salt and sand shed, ensuring the safe storage of road treatment materials in a secure, flood-free location. This project will enhance winter road safety, supporting economic stability by maintaining reliable access for residents, workers, and emergency services. By relocating these facilities out of a flood zone and protecting materials from weather damage, the initiative strengthens transportation infrastructure and long-term community resilience.

Location of Project: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$125,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$250,000.00

Spring Award to: Littleton Community Center

Project: NBRC funds will be used to restore the historic Carriage Barn, expand business use of the Community House, and increase tourism through heritage experiences. This project will create a new meeting/performance space, remodel the third floor into rentable offices, and establish guided tours of the two National Register-listed buildings. By preserving these historic properties and enhancing community infrastructure, LCC aims to support economic development, cultural engagement, and long-term sustainability in Littleton.

Location of Project: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,088,342.00

Spring Award to: Plymouth Village Water & Sewer District

Project: NBRC funds will be used to construct a new, larger Low Service Zone water storage tank, ensuring reliable service for residents and businesses while supporting economic expansion. This project will enable new commercial connections, including Tenney Mountain Resort and Holderness School, while safeguarding existing users from disruptions due to aging infrastructure and drought conditions. By modernizing its water distribution system, Plymouth aims to enhance business retention, attract new development, and strengthen long-term sustainability.

Location of Project: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$7,040,000.00

Merrimack County

Spring Award to: Town of Boscawen NH

Project: NBRC funds will be used to enhance accessibility and expand outdoor recreation opportunities, integrating park use with the Northern Rail Trail and the Merrimack River. The project includes planning and analysis for a timber-framed picnic pavilion, improved parking and access roads, a river overlook, and full ADA accessibility, supporting local businesses and quality of life in this fast-growing community. By investing in this infrastructure, Boscawen aims to strengthen regional tourism, foster economic development, and create a welcoming recreational space for residents and visitors alike.

Location of Project: Merrimack County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$39,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$59,000.00

Spring Award to: Town of Bow

Project: NBRC funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study supporting municipal water line

expansion and development in the 175-acre Bow Mills Mixed Use Zoning District. This initiative will engage the community, assess development potential, and identify barriers such as infrastructure limitations and transportation access. By guiding future investments and leveraging the redesign of I-89 Exit 1, the project aims to stimulate economic growth and improve long-term land use planning in Bow.

Location of Project: Merrimack County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$52,265.00

Total Project Amount: \$104,530.00

Spring Award to: HealthFirst Family Care Center, Inc.

Project: NBRC funds will be used to expand a health center in Franklin, NH, improving access to primary care, behavioral health, and medication-assisted treatment for underserved populations. The project includes renovating the existing facility, integrating an adjoining Annex, and installing battery storage to enhance sustainability. By increasing healthcare capacity, fostering job creation, and strengthening community infrastructure, this initiative will support long-term economic and public health resilience in the region.

Location of Project: Merrimack County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$3,811,169.00

Spring Award to: John Hay Estate at The Fells

Project: NBRC funds will be used to re-shingle the Main House roof, ensuring the preservation of this nationally recognized historic site on Lake Sunapee. The project will replace aging asphalt and wood shingles, with a preference for historically accurate materials, protecting the integrity of the building and enhancing visitor experience. This funding will support long-term conservation efforts and maintain The Fells as a vital cultural and educational resource.

Location of Project: Merrimack County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$127,200.00

Total Project Amount: \$254,400.00

Sullivan County

Spring Award to: Town of Newport

Project: NBRC funds will be used to upgrade its aging water distribution system, ensuring reliable access to clean water for over 1,600 homes and local businesses. This project will replace nearly 4,000 feet of deteriorating water mains, improving fire suppression capabilities and supporting economic growth. With final engineering and regulatory approvals completed, securing this funding is essential to proceed with construction and safeguard long-term infrastructure resilience in the community.

Location of Project: Sullivan County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$512,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$640,000.00

Spring Award to: Newport Chamber of Commerce

Project: The Newport Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$500,000 in NBRC funding to renovate the historic railroad depot, transforming it into the Newport Welcome Center with a public Wi-Fi hotspot. This project will restore architectural features, create a community meeting space with an ADA-compliant restroom, and provide rental opportunities to support ongoing operations. By repurposing the building, the initiative aims to enhance economic and tourism activity, strengthen local engagement, and integrate with surrounding public amenities.

Location of Project: Sullivan County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$963,000.00

2025 Fall Awards

Carroll County

Organization: Continuum Foundation

Project Summary: Continuum Foundation has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to construct a new assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing facility in North Conway, NH. The project will address the loss of long-term care beds in the region and create 89 healthcare jobs. This investment will expand rural healthcare access, support aging in place, and strengthen the local economy.

Location of Project: NH – Carroll

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Cheshire County

Organization: Rise for Baby and Family

Project Summary: Rise for Baby and Family has been awarded \$288,493.96 to expand its Complete Pathway to Career initiative, supporting early childhood educators in Cheshire County, NH. The project will provide credentialing support, career advising, and mentorship to address staffing shortages and improve childcare access. This initiative strengthens the childcare workforce and supports regional economic participation by working families.

Location of Project: NH – Cheshire

Grant Amount: \$288,493.96

Total Project Amount: \$448,267.96

Organization: Keene Day Care Center, Inc.

Project Summary: Keene Day Care Center has been awarded \$892,847.00 to create 20 new childcare slots and preserve 70 existing ones through facility improvements and staff training. The project includes HVAC upgrades, window replacements, and sprinkler installation to ensure a safe and energy-efficient environment. This initiative supports early childhood education, workforce participation, and community well-being.

Location of Project: NH – Cheshire

Grant Amount: \$892,847.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,819,447.00

Organization: Historic Harrisville Inc.

Project Summary: Historic Harrisville Inc. has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to upgrade the village's outdated wastewater system and redevelop a vacant mill building into new commercially viable and public meeting spaces. The project will create 25 new jobs, preserve historic infrastructure, and support tourism and business development in Cheshire County. It also ensures continued operation of essential services like childcare and the community center.

Location of Project: NH – Cheshire

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,500,000.00

Coös County

Organization: Appalachian Mountain Club

Project Summary: The Appalachian Mountain Club has been awarded \$440,360.43 to build two All Persons Trails at Pinkham Notch and Crawford Notch in New Hampshire. These ADA-compliant trails will provide improved access to outdoor recreation and serve as models for sustainable trail design and workforce training. The project supports tourism, health, and accessibility in the White Mountains region.

Location of Project: NH – Coös

Grant Amount: \$440,360.43

Total Project Amount: \$556,778.05

Grafton County

Organization: Speare Memorial Hospital

Project Summary: Speare Memorial Hospital has been awarded \$500,000.00 to renovate a hospital-owned building in Plymouth, NH, into three transitional housing units for healthcare staff. The project aims to address workforce housing shortages, support recruitment and retention, and ensure continuity of care. This initiative aligns with NBRC's goals for basic public infrastructure and workforce stabilization.

Location of Project: NH – Grafton

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,173,250.12

Organization: Cottage Hospital

Project Summary: Cottage Hospital has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to upgrade its operating room, post-anesthesia care unit, and telecommunications systems to improve healthcare delivery in rural New Hampshire. The project will enhance patient safety, support workforce recruitment, and increase access to healthcare. These improvements will position the hospital as a modern, resilient healthcare provider for the region.

Location of Project: NH – Grafton

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$3,217,000.00

Organization: Town of Ashland

Project Summary: The Town of Ashland has been awarded \$50,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study for redeveloping its beachfront on Little Squam Lake to boost tourism and economic activity. The study will assess recreational enhancements, business opportunities, and infrastructure

needs, including an environmental assessment. This project supports outdoor recreation, community development, and aligns with New Hampshire's tourism strategy.

Location of Project: NH – Grafton

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$100,000.00

Organization: Mascoma Valley Preservation

Project Summary: Mascoma Valley Preservation has been awarded \$400,000.00 to complete rehabilitation of two historic properties in Grafton, NH, for small business incubation and outdoor recreation. The project includes a general store, community center, and trail access improvements to support tourism and economic activity. This initiative blends historic preservation with rural revitalization and workforce development.

Location of Project: NH – Grafton

Grant Amount: \$400,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$800,000.00

Organization: Tritown Bike Friendly Community

Project Summary: The Tritown Bike Friendly Community has been awarded \$624,000.00 to build the Profile Community Trail, connecting Bethlehem, Franconia, and Littleton with year-round, off-road access. The trail will support cyclo-tourism and enhance health and economic development in the North Country. It will also link existing mountain biking networks and regional trails into a comprehensive system.

Location of Project: NH – Grafton

Grant Amount: \$624,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,199,000.00

Organization: Town of Plymouth

Project Summary: The Town of Plymouth has been awarded \$28,702.57 to conduct a feasibility study for energy-efficient downtown lighting and wayfinding improvements along Main Street. The study will assess safety, energy savings, and economic impacts while developing a detailed implementation plan. This project supports infrastructure planning and downtown revitalization in a rural, distressed community.

Location of Project: NH – Grafton

Grant Amount: \$28,702.57

Total Project Amount: \$57,405.14

Sullivan County

Organization: Sullivan County Conservation District

Project Summary: The Sullivan County Conservation District has been awarded \$250,000.00 to establish a shared-use food processing hub in Unity, NH, to support farmers and food entrepreneurs. The facility will include a commercial kitchen, training programs, and equipment to expand market access and value-added production. This project supports workforce development, small business growth, and regional food system resilience.

Location of Project: NH – Sullivan

Grant Amount: \$250,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$319,200.96

Organization: The Well Collaborative NH

Project Summary: The Well Collaborative NH has been awarded \$821,353.60 to repurpose a

historic church in Claremont, NH into a community hub offering childcare, a commercial kitchen, and public meeting space. The project addresses local economic needs by supporting working families, food-based entrepreneurs, and community programming. It revitalizes a key downtown property and strengthens the social and economic fabric of the region.

Location of Project: NH – Sullivan

Grant Amount: \$821,353.60

Total Project Amount: \$1,033,650.00

Organization: City of Claremont

Project Summary: The City of Claremont has been awarded \$430,000.00 to advance the Sugar River Revitalization and Brownfields Redevelopment Project by improving pedestrian access and preparing sites for community and commercial use. The project will transform a remediated brownfield into a riverwalk and public gathering space. This initiative supports outdoor recreation, tourism, and economic development in Sullivan County.

Location of Project: NH – Sullivan

Grant Amount: \$430,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,602,876.48

Organization: Acworth Historical Society, Inc.

Project Summary: The Acworth Historical Society has been awarded \$268,311.00 to modernize and expand the Acworth Village Store, a historic general store and community hub. The project will improve flood resilience, energy efficiency, and ADA accessibility, supporting local farmers, artisans, and entrepreneurs. It aims to preserve a vital economic and social institution in rural New Hampshire.

Location of Project: NH - Sullivan

Grant Amount: \$268,311.00

Total Project Amount: \$349,811.00