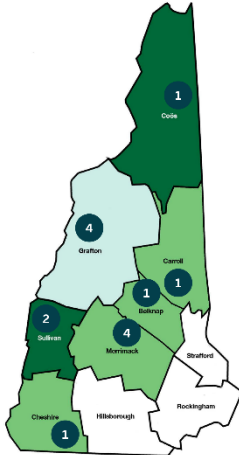




State of New Hampshire 2025 Catalyst Program Awards



click to enlarge

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

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