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NBRC PROGRAMS OVERVIEW 7-PART SERIES

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NBRC PROGRAMS OVERVIEW: PART 4

Local Development Districts



LDD Assistance

- All Catalyst Program awards require the use of a Local Development District (LDD) for grant administration.
 - ✓ Exception for state government entities and LDDs
- Forest Economy and Timber for Transit applicants have the option to utilize LDD assistance but are not required.
- LDDs are compensated for grant administrative work.
 - The grant administration fee for all NBRC awards of \$400,000 or less is \$8,000.
 - The grant administration fee for all NBRC awards above \$400,000 is based on the formula of 2% of the NBRC requested amount.



LDD Assistance

- NBRC defines grant administration as:
 - Notice to Proceed Documentation
 - Quarterly and Annual Reporting
 - Reimbursement Requests
 - Final Reporting
 - Contract Amendments
 - General Assistance

... basically, most of the administrative work AFTER an award is made.



LDD Assistance

- Why it is important to connect (early) with your LDD:
 - LDDs have experience in helping other interested entities apply to NBRC funding (this is not their first rodeo!)
 - LDDs have good foundational knowledge on other funding available that could be of benefit to your project
 - LDDs have vast experience in administering grant awards and will save you time (and money!)
 - LDDs have both boots on the ground in your region and an understanding of state economic goals
 - In some of the states, LDDs have access to funds to help you develop your project



LDD Waiver (Catalyst Only)

- A waiver may be requested by organizations with the capacity for grant administration. The **LDD Waiver** must be submitted together with the pre-application.

Resources:

- Catalyst Program User Manual
- LDD Waiver

The LDD waiver is required from Catalyst applicants only.