

NBRC PROGRAMS OVERVIEW 7-PART SERIES

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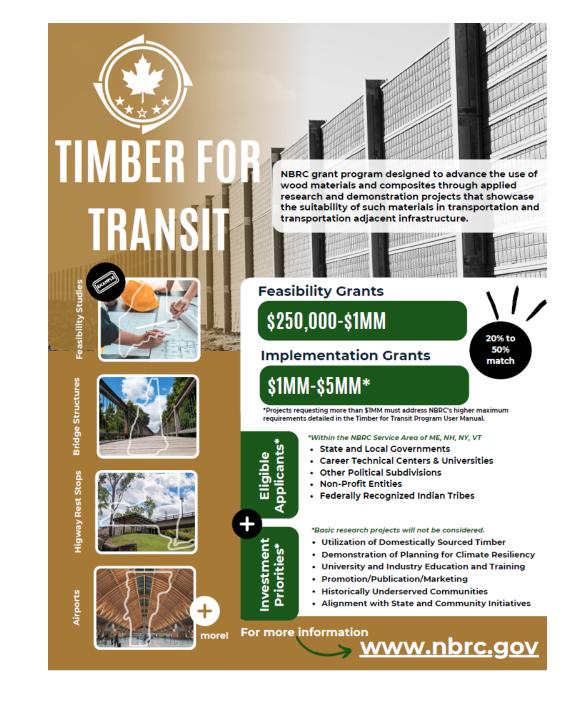


NBRC PROGRAM OVERVIEW: PART 7 2025 Timber for Transit Program



2025 Timber for Transit Program Overview

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Timber for Transit Program Purpose

The Timber for Transit Program is designed to advance the use of domestic forest products in transportation infrastructure projects across Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont to showcase the capabilities of wood in these applications.



2025 Funds Available

The Northern Border Regional Commission may award up to \$25,000,000 over the next three years for projects that demonstrate the capabilities of wood in transportation infrastructure*.

Timber for Transit funding to be competitively awarded in two funding rounds

All awards are subject to availability of funds

*Transportation infrastructure as defined for the Timber for Transportation program is further explained in the program manual



Program Eligible Purposes

Proposed projects must fit one or address both of the following categories:

<u>Feasibility</u>: Such as inventory assessments, architectural and engineering designs, cost analyses, permitting, etc.

<u>Implementation</u>: Construction of *transportation infrastructure* to include: permanent vehicular and pedestrian bridges, railway structures and rail bridges, trail bridges, covered bridges, wildlife crossings, etc. Construction of *transportation-adjacent infrastructure* to include: highway rest stops, fairy terminals, train stations, outdoor rec transportation infrastructure, highway sound barriers, etc.

Resources: <u>Timber for Transit Program User Manual, Timber for Transit Project Development Guide</u>



Program Priorities

- Commit to utilizing domestically sourced timber
- Demonstrate evidence of planning for extreme weather readiness, including but not limited to carbon capture, increased frequency and intensity of storm events, and sea level rise
- Utilize projects as a tool for university and industry education and training
- Demonstrates alignment with state and community initiatives.
- Include promotion/publication/marketing as part of their project deliverables
- Support, benefit, or engage communities that are impacted by specific socioeconomic indicators.

Resources: Timber for Transit Program User Manual



Pre-Application Process & Evaluation

Pre-application process

- Required to receive invitation to apply
- Due before 5:00pm on March 7 for spring round (August 29 Fall)
- Must be submitted using NBRC's online grants management system
- All waiver requests must be submitted with pre-applications

Evaluation

 NBRC and member states will evaluate proposals based on the scoring criteria outlined in the Timber for Transit program user manual.

All pre-application details to be covered in information sessions!



Timber for Transit Program Information Sessions

Program Information Sessions:

- Pre-recorded from February 11, 2025
- Live Sessions will be recorded and made available

https://www.nbrc.gov/content/events



Thank you