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2025 Timber for Transit Program

2025 Timber for Transit Program Overview

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The graphic features a background image of a modern transit station with a wooden slat roof. At the top center is a circular logo with a maple leaf and stars. The title 'TIMBER FOR TRANSIT' is prominently displayed in large white letters. A text box on the right explains the program's purpose. On the left, a vertical list of project types is shown with corresponding images: Feasibility Studies (marked 'NEW!'), Bridge Structures, Highway Rest Stops, and Airports. A central section details grant amounts for Feasibility and Implementation, accompanied by a callout for a 20% to 50% match. Below this, a list of eligible applicants and investment priorities is provided, along with a note about the NBRC service area. The bottom right corner includes a call to action to visit the program's website.

TIMBER FOR TRANSIT

NBRC grant program designed to advance the use of wood materials and composites through applied research and demonstration projects that showcase the suitability of such materials in transportation and transportation adjacent infrastructure.

Feasibility Grants
\$250,000-\$1MM

Implementation Grants
\$1MM-\$5MM*

20% to 50% match

*Projects requesting more than \$1MM must address NBRC's higher maximum requirements detailed in the Timber for Transit Program User Manual.

Eligible Applicants*

- State and Local Governments
- Career Technical Centers & Universities
- Other Political Subdivisions
- Non-Profit Entities
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

Investment Priorities*

- Utilization of Domestically Sourced Timber
- Demonstration of Planning for Climate Resiliency
- University and Industry Education and Training
- Promotion/Publication/Marketing
- Historically Underserved Communities
- Alignment with State and Community Initiatives

*Within the NBRC Service Area of ME, NH, NY, VT

*Basic research projects will not be considered.

For more information www.nbrc.gov

Feasibility Studies (NEW!) **Bridge Structures** **Highway Rest Stops** **Airports** **+ more!**



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:

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

Implementation: 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, ferry terminals, train stations, outdoor recreation transportation infrastructure, highway sound barriers, etc.

Resources: [Timber for Transit Program User Manual](#), [Timber for Transit Project Development Guide](#)



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 socio-economic indicators.



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>



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Thank you