



Northern Border
Regional Commission

NBRC GRANT PROGRAMS OVERVIEW 7-PART SERIES

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NBRC GRANT PROGRAMS OVERVIEW: PART 2A

Determining Required Match

Determining Match Rate for Projects

2026: NEW Match Rate Determination

Purpose: *Match can be difficult for communities to secure, stalling transformational projects.*

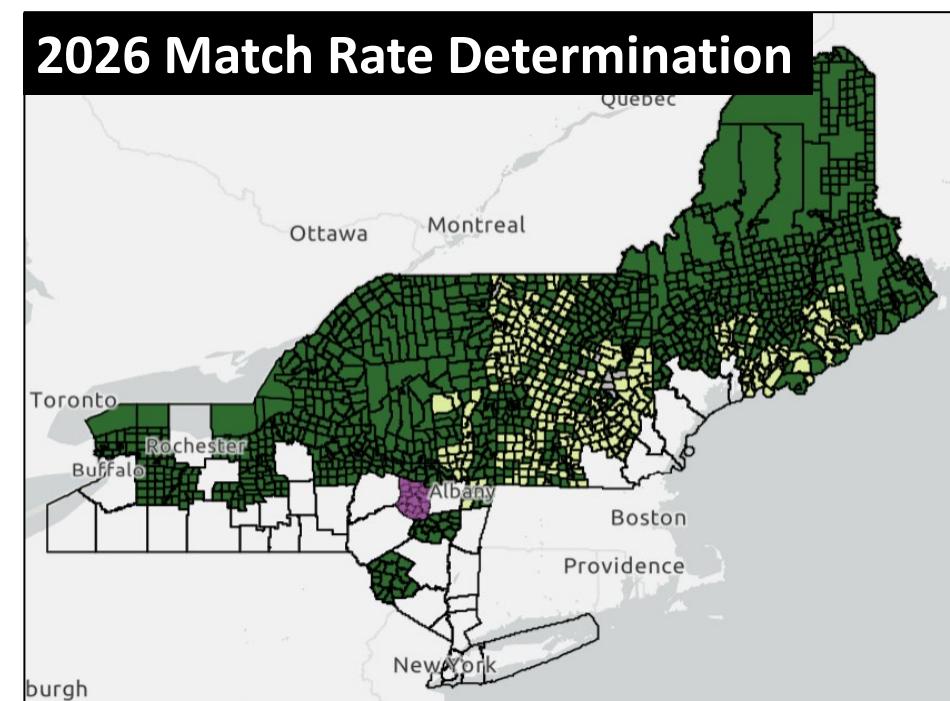
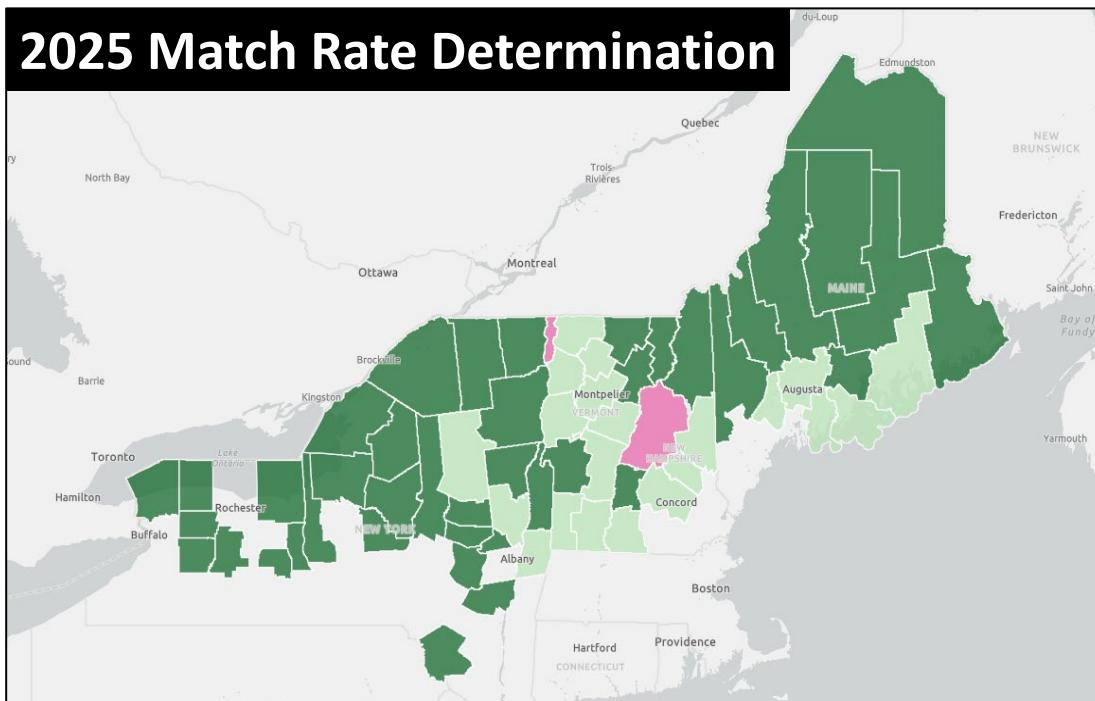
Background: Match rate (as mandated by Congress) is determined by the socio-economic indicators of your geography. Each assessment level has a corresponding match rate requirement.

Beginning in 2026, NBRC evaluates distress in the region at both a county *and* community level, providing applicants with the option to choose the match rate that is most beneficial based on their project location(s).

***New Tools* have been developed to assist applicants in identifying their match rate.**

Determining Match Rate for Projects

Drilling down to community level data **improves the match rate** for many communities.



New Tools to ID Project Match Rate:



1. PDF List with Match Rate
2. Interactive Map
3. Match Rate Calculator

Determining Match Rate: The TOOLS

Tools for Finding Your Project's Match Rate

On NBRC's [Project Eligibility and Match Determination page](#) there are three tools to help determine match based on the project location(s).

- 1. PDF List with Match Rate**
- 2. Interactive Map**

- 3. Match Rate Calculator**



Best for projects with a single location (one county or one community).

Best for projects that span more than one location (workforce development, technical assistance, infrastructure in more than one community, etc.)

Each tool provides users with a match rate percentage and GEOID (required for the pre-application in the Grants Management System.)

Determining Match Rate: The TOOLS

Match Tool 1: PDF List with Match Rate

Step 1: Identify project location using the County or Community list

Step 2: Record Match Rate and GEOID (Justification)

Step 3: Enter Data into the GMS pre-application

| State | County | Community | FY 2026 Distress | Match Rate [Copy and paste calculated match into GMS Match %] | GEOID [Copy and paste GEOID(s) into GMS Match Justification] |
|-------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|--|
| Maine | Aroostook County | Allagash town | distressed | 20% | 2300300800 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Amity town | distressed | 20% | 2300301220 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Ashland town | distressed | 20% | 2300301710 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Bancroft UT | distressed | 20% | 2300302762 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Blaine town | distressed | 20% | 2300305385 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Bridgewater town | distressed | 20% | 2300307065 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Caribou city | distressed | 20% | 2300310565 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Castle Hill town | distressed | 20% | 2300311300 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Caswell town | distressed | 20% | 2300311335 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Central Aroostook UT | distressed | 20% | 2300311785 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Chapman town | distressed | 20% | 2300312000 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Connor UT | distressed | 20% | 2300313900 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Crystal town | distressed | 20% | 2300315395 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Cyr plantation | distressed | 20% | 2300315990 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Dyer Brook town | distressed | 20% | 2300319210 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Eagle Lake town | distressed | 20% | 2300319420 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Easton town | distressed | 20% | 2300321380 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Fort Fairfield town | distressed | 20% | 2300325615 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Fort Kent town | distressed | 20% | 2300325755 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Frenchville town | distressed | 20% | 2300326735 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Garfield plantation | distressed | 20% | 2300327120 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Glenwood plantation | distressed | 20% | 2300327855 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Grand Isle town | distressed | 20% | 2300328590 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Hamlin town | distressed | 20% | 2300330690 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Hammond town | distressed | 20% | 2300330725 |
| Maine | Aroostook County | Haynesville town | distressed | 20% | 2300332195 |

| State | County | Community | FY 2026 Distress | Match Rate [Copy and paste calculated match into GMS Match %] | GEOID [Copy and paste GEOID(s) into GMS Match Justification] |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---|--|
| Vermont | Addison County | Addison town | transitional | 50% | 5000100325 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Bridport town | transitional | 50% | 5000108575 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Bristol town | transitional | 50% | 5000109025 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Cornwall town | transitional | 50% | 5000116000 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Ferrisburgh town | transitional | 50% | 5000126300 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Goshen town | transitional | 50% | 5000128600 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Granville town | distressed | 20% | 5000129575 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Hancock town | distressed | 20% | 5000131525 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Leicester town | transitional | 50% | 5000139325 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Lincoln town | transitional | 50% | 5000140075 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Middlebury town | transitional | 50% | 5000144350 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Monkton town | transitional | 50% | 5000145550 |
| Vermont | Addison County | New Haven town | transitional | 50% | 5000148700 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Orwell town | transitional | 50% | 5000153725 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Panton town | transitional | 50% | 5000153950 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Ripton town | transitional | 50% | 5000159650 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Salisbury town | transitional | 50% | 5000162575 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Shoreham town | distressed | 20% | 5000165050 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Starksboro town | transitional | 50% | 5000170075 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Vergennes city | transitional | 50% | 5000174650 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Waltham town | transitional | 50% | 5000176075 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Weybridge town | transitional | 50% | 5000183275 |
| Vermont | Addison County | Whiting town | transitional | 50% | 5000183800 |
| Vermont | Bennington County | Arlington town | transitional | 50% | 5000301450 |
| Vermont | Bennington County | Bennington town | distressed | 20% | 5000304825 |
| Vermont | Bennington County | Dorset town | transitional | 50% | 5000317725 |
| Vermont | Bennington County | Glastenbury town | distressed | 20% | 5000327962 |
| Vermont | Bennington County | Landgrove town | transitional | 50% | 5000339025 |
| Vermont | Bennington County | Manchester town | transitional | 50% | 5000342850 |

Determining Match Rate: The TOOLS

Match Tool 2:

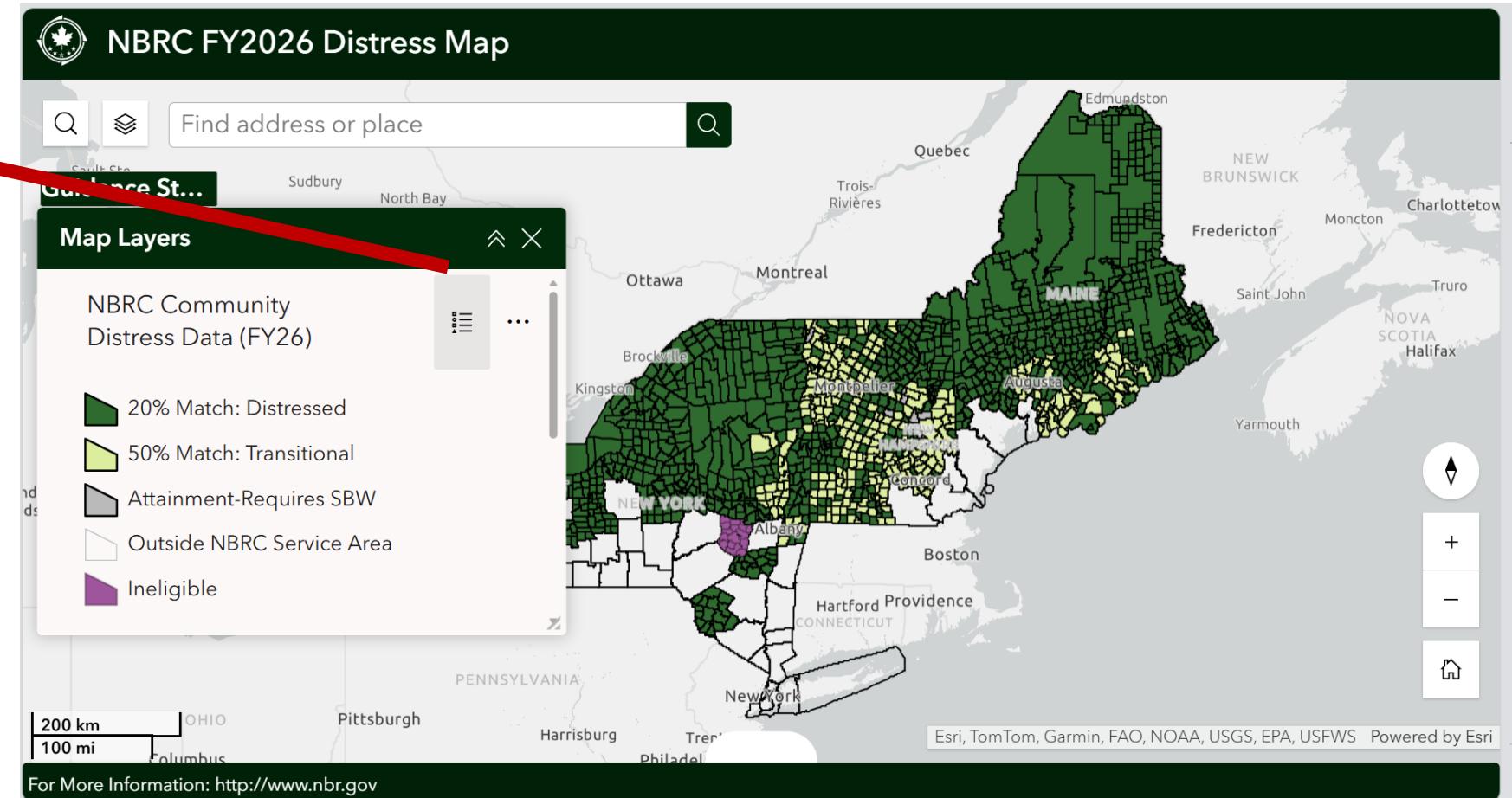
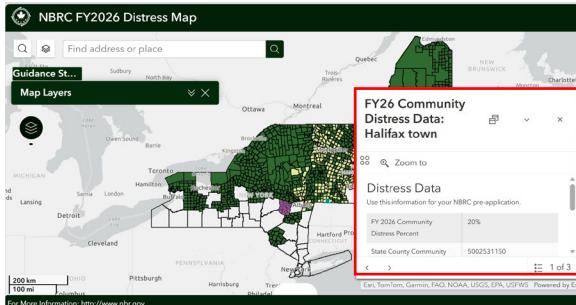
Interactive Map

Step 1: Select "2026 NBRC Service Area & Distress Levels" layer

Step 2: Select Project Community within map

Step 3: Record Match Rate and GEOID from pop up table

Step 4: Enter data into the GMS pre-application



Determining Match Rate: The TOOLS

Match Tool 3: Match Rate Calculator

The Match Rate Calculator has two tabs; Tab 1 is for projects taking place in counties or entire state service areas, and Tab 2 is for projects taking place within communities.

Example: County or State Service Area Locations

Step 1: Select Project State in Table (Section 1)

Step 2: Select County in Table (Section 1)

Step 3: Record Match Rate and GEOID (Section 2)

Step 4: Enter data into the GMS pre-application

Optional Data: Use the total NBRC funds requested to determine project budget

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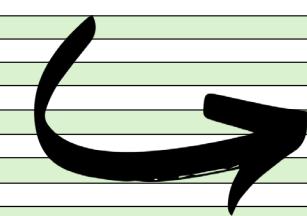
County or Statewide Locations And Match

Section 1: Identify the primary locations where your project will take place.

Ensure to check warnings before the final calculation. -->

See Additional Guidance tab for more information.

Select State (Press delete to reset) Select County And GEOID (Press delete to reset) GEOID



If your project includes a county and a community with different distress levels please contact NBRC in advance.

Section 2: Cut and paste Match % and GEOID.

Important: This information must be copied and pasted exactly the same in the GMS pre-application. You will see GMS fields that resemble the fields below. For additional information view the Additional Guidance tab.

| Overview | Locations | Budget | ... |
|--|-----------|--------|-----|
| Application Match Match % [system-generated match rate] | | | |
| Match Justification [spreadsheet-generated GEOID appears here] | | | |

Optional Section

Use your rate to understand the amount of your minimum matching contribution.

Enter your total project cost into the field below. We'll calculate an estimated NBRC grant request and amount of matching funds required for your project. See chart for program limits.

Total NBRC Funds Requested: \$0.00

| Review your estimates: | Amount | Percent |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Estimated Match Requirement | \$0.00 | [system-generated match rate] |
| Estimated NBRC Amount* | \$0.00 | 0% |
| Total Project Cost** | \$0.00 | 0% |

* If your total project cost is expected to be above this amount, NBRC will still require documentation for additional project costs above the minimum match requirement.

| Maximum NBRC Award* | Applicable Program(s) | Eligible Project Categories |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| \$1M to \$5M | T4T | Transportation Infrastructure Implementation |
| Up to \$3M | Catalyst | Multi-Jurisdiction or Multi-Infrastructure |
| Up to \$1M | Catalyst, FEP | Infrastructure (Catalyst), Various (FEP) |
| \$250K - \$1M | T4T | Transportation Feasibility |
| Up to \$500K | Catalyst | Non-Infrastructure |
| Up to \$100K | Catalyst | Feasibility and Planning |

*Potential eligible programs based on NBRC amount are highlighted. See Additional Guidance tab for more information. Review Program User Manuals for full details.



Questions?

If you have questions or have a project that exceeds the 10 county or community maximum allowed in this Match Rate Calculator, please contact NBRC by email at **admin@nbrc.gov**



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Thank you for watching!