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# **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.*

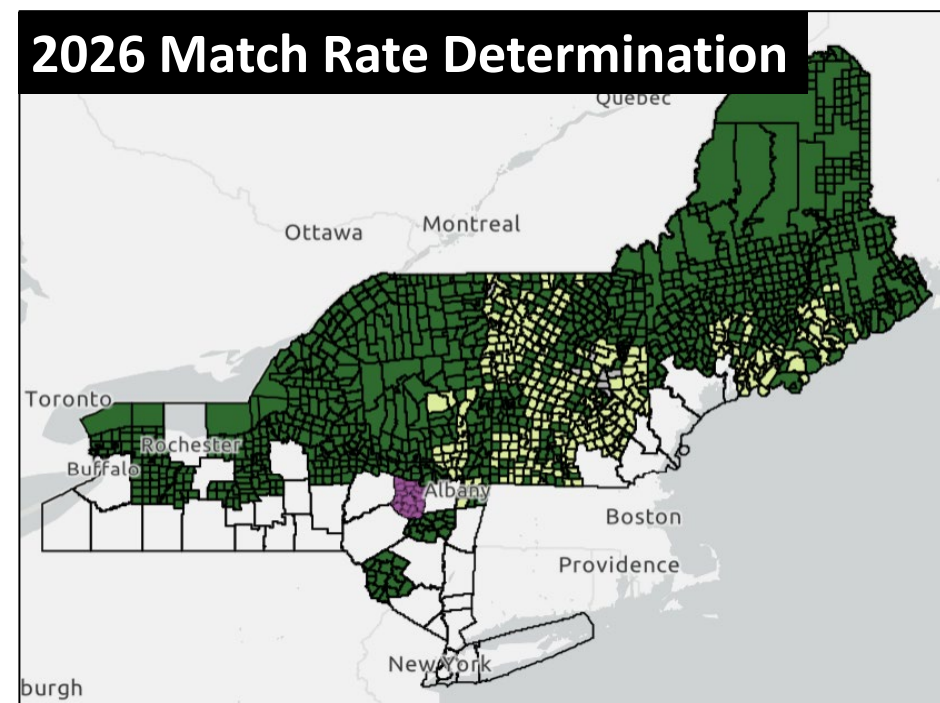
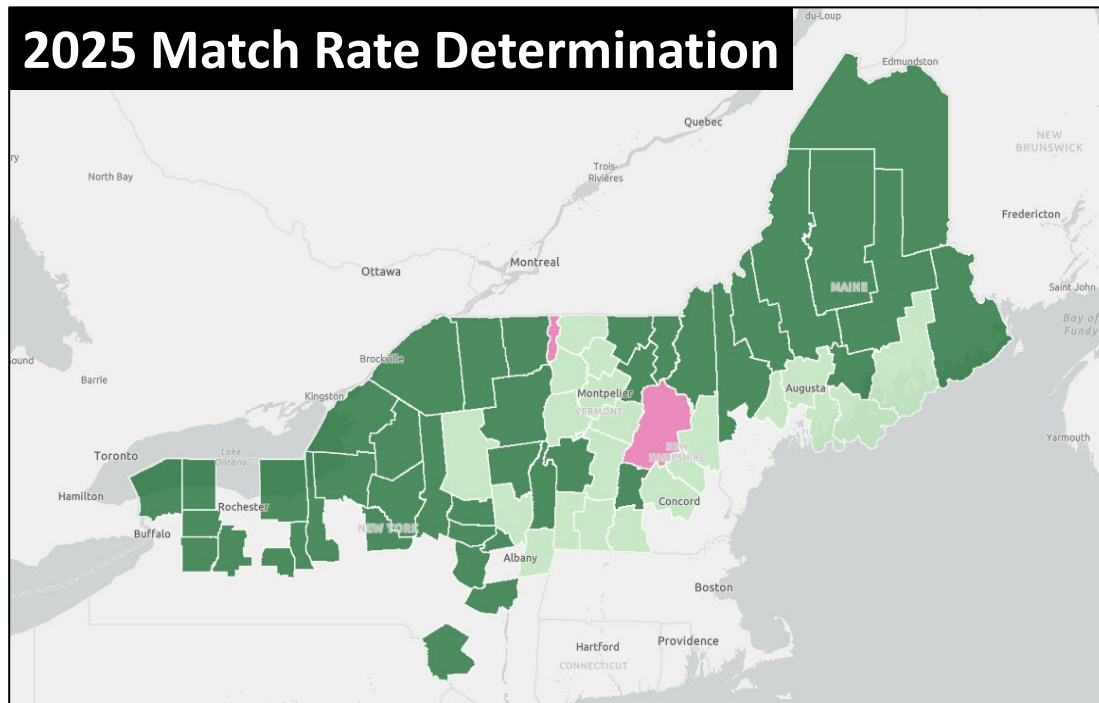
**Background:** Match rate (as mandated by Congress) is determined by the socio-economic indicators of your geography. Each assessment level has a corresponding match rate requirement.

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**



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

- 3. Match Rate Calculator**



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:

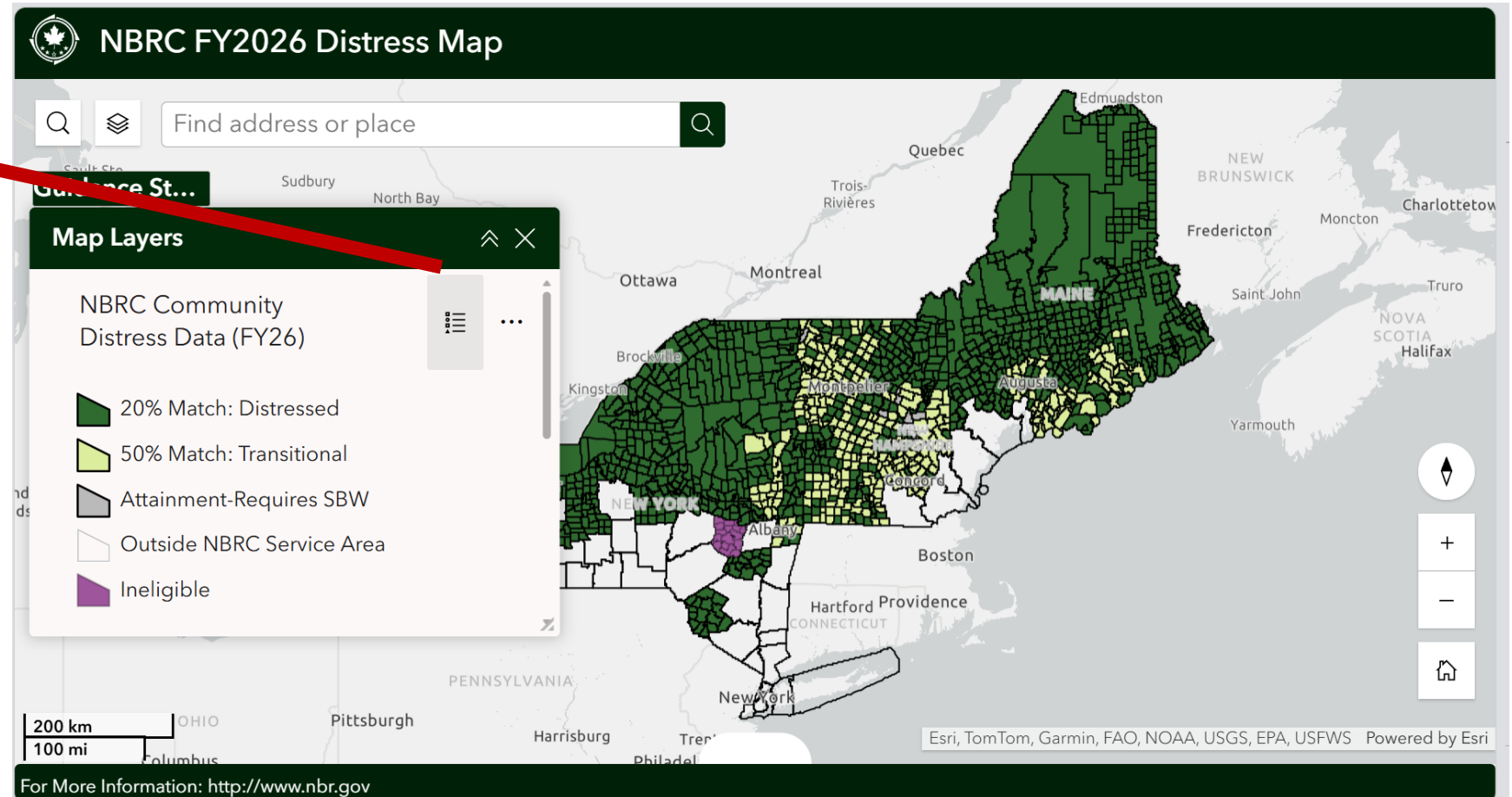
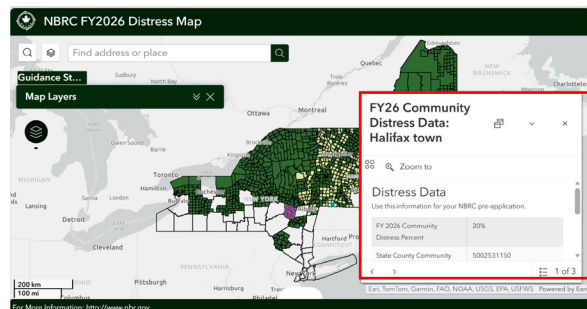
[Interactive Map](#)

**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



**A warning will appear if both county and state level service area are selected.**  
Okay, no combination errors.

**A warning will appear if you have selected duplicate county GEOIDs.**  
Okay, no duplicates.

**A warning will appear if you have selected duplicate county and state combinations.**  
Okay, no duplicates.

**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

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Application Match

Match %

[system-generated match rate]

Match Justification

[spreadsheet-generated GEOID appears here]

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

**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:

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](mailto:admin@nbrc.gov)**



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**Thank you for watching!**