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# **NBRC GRANT PROGRAMS OVERVIEW 7-PART SERIES**

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## **Timber for Transit Program**

# Timber for Transit Program Overview

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The graphic features a background image of a modern transit station with a large wooden roof structure. At the top center is a circular logo with a maple leaf and stars. The title 'TIMBER FOR TRANSIT' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, a vertical column of four small images illustrates various transit applications: 'Feasibility Studies' (hands on a blueprint), 'Bridge Structures' (a bridge with a wooden deck), 'Highway Rest Stops' (a rest stop with a wooden roof), and 'Airports' (an airport terminal with a wooden roof). To the right of these images, a text box describes the NBRC grant program. Further right, a green box lists 'Feasibility Grants' (\$250,000-\$1MM) and 'Implementation Grants' (\$1MM-\$5MM\*). A circular badge indicates a '20% to 50% match'. Below this, a green box lists 'Eligible Applicants\*' and 'Investment Priorities\*'. At the bottom right, a green arrow points to the website 'www.nbrc.gov'.

**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**

**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

**more!** For more information [www.nbrc.gov](http://www.nbrc.gov)



# 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.



# Funds Available

**The Northern Border Regional Commission may award up to \$14 million, available for projects that demonstrate the capabilities of wood in transportation infrastructure\*.**

**Timber for Transit funding will 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: Early-stage activities—such as planning, inventory assessments, engineering, design, cost benefit analysis, permitting, site assessments, and environmental assessments—that support future Timber for Transit implementation projects as identified below are eligible for up to \$1,000,000
- Implementation: Construction or non-construction projects—such as assets and facilities that align with Timber for Transit program priorities will be classified as an implementation award. Implementation projects are eligible for up to \$5,000,000.

*For additional information and examples of eligible activities that fit under each of the program eligible purposes, see the Program User Manual Part 2C*



# Evaluation 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 in order to receive an invitation to apply
- Due before 5:00pm on due date. Program Timeline can be found [here](#).
- Must be submitted using NBRC's online Grants Management System (GMS)
- 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:

- See [NBRC Events page](#) for available Program Information Session dates and recordings
- Live Sessions will be recorded and made available on the [Pre-Application Support page](#).



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**Thank you**