Northern Border Regional Commission

NBRC PROJECT INTEREST FORM

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✓ Review NBRC Grant Programs: Visit NBRC Program Areas to understand available grant programs and opportunities.

✓ Request a Meeting: Submit the form along with a request to meet with your State Program Manager and/or NBRC Program Manager.

✓ Why It Matters: A complete form allows program managers to offer tailored feedback and suggest funding programs that best fit your project.

Applicant Information
Applicant Entity Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
Entity Type- If the applicant does not fit an eligible entity type, the entity is <u>not eligible</u> to apply for NBRC funding: ☐ State Government (Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont only) ☐ Local Governments (village, town, city, county) and secondary or career technical centers ☐ Public universities and colleges, or secondary and career technical centers ☐ Other political subdivisions of states (regional planning commissions, authorities of the State) ☐ Indian Tribes (federally recognized Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community) ☐ 501 (c) Non-profit Entity
Applicant Contact Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title: Click or tap here to enter text.
Email: Click or tap here to enter text.
Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

If applicable – Co-Applicant Information
Co-Applicant Entity Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
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Project Location Details
A project must be located within a county designated by NBRC as Distressed or Transitional, or an Isolated Area of Distress to be eligible to apply for NBRC funding. The list of eligible counties and communities is available here.
County(ies): Click or tap here to enter text.
City(ies)/Town(s): Click or tap here to enter text.
State(s): Click or tap here to enter text.
Significant Benefit Waiver Required - An entity organization located outside of our jurisdiction applying to work within the NBRC region will require a Significant Benefit Waiver (SBW). A project location inside our jurisdiction, but in an Attainment area will require an SBW. See Grant Programs User Manual, Appendix C to review the SBW requirements: https://www.nbrc.gov/content/program-areas ☐ No, SBW does not apply to our project. ☐ Yes, our project is required to submit a Significant Benefit Waiver, and entity understands the requirements of same to be eligible to apply for NBRC funding. Entities eligible for SBW must demonstrate the project will bring significant economic benefits to NBRC Distressed or Transitional communities or counties. **The executed waiver and detailed narrative must be submitted with a pre-application within NBRC's Grants Management System (GMS).** SBWs require approval by the Federal Co-Chair and the Governor's Alternates of the four NBRC States for the project to be eligible for funding consideration.

NBRC Gant Program Alignment		
Which NBRC grant program do you plan to apply to? If you are unsure, please visit https://www.nbrc.gov/content/program-areas and navigate to each program page and review the program priorities. If you're still unclear which program is the best fit, select "unsure". Please select one: ☐ Catalyst ☐ Forest Economy ☐ Timber for Transit ☐ Unsure		
Construction project:	☐ Yes, if project is primarily a construction project (over 50% of the budget is construction)	☐ No, if project has no construction or consists of minor renovations
Is there other pre-construction work your entity needs to complete prior to applying for NBRC funding? Check all that apply. ☐ Permitting ☐ Environmental review ☐ Planning and feasibility ☐ Market analysis ☐ Transportation planning ☐ Conceptual engineering and/or site concepts ☐ Business and entrepreneurial ecosystem development ☐ Measurement and evaluation tools ☐ Program development (workforce training, childcare, etc.)		
Eligible Purpose Category - Check all that apply. ☐ Transportation Infrastructure ☐ Basic Public Infrastructure such as water and wastewater infrastructure, solid waste and heat generation systems, childcare and healthcare infrastructure (facilities), outdoor recreation		

infrastructure, and community meeting infrastructure essential to economic vitality, public health, and regional resilience

☐ Telecommunications Infrastructure

☐ Feasibility in support of an infrastructure category (planning, permitting, design or other activities in preparation for an infrastructure category)

☐ Business and Workforce Development

☐ Basic Healthcare

☐ Resource Conservation, Tourism and Recreation

☐ Community Development that directly supports the forest economy

☐ Infrastructure that directly supports the forest economy

☐ Transportation Infrastructure involving the use of advanced wood products

Project Description including major project activities and requested funds will be used:

If known, Project Timeline and Status - Please review NBRC Grant Programs Manual and NBRC's Grant Administration & Compliance Manual specific to the benchmarks the project will need to meet, and the need to complete the project within three years of date of award.

Expected Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Expected End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Current Status - early stages/exploratory, planning stages/preliminary, shovel ready/ implementation, or ongoing/operational:

Challenges the project is facing - e.g. site control, engineering and design, financing/funding identification and commitment, and permitting: .

Project Budget Summary

Complete the following summary budget table with the estimated breakdown of your project's capital stack. Important budget considerations:

- NBRC allows match to be contributed by another federal source provided the combined federal contributions may make up no more than 80% of total project costs.
- Match is not required to be provided solely from the applicant. Detailed gidance on what NBRC allows as match is detailed within our Grant Administration & Compliance Manual.
- See the NBRC Match Rate resource page for tools to verify a project location's distress designation and associated minimum match requirement.
- NBRC operates on a reimbursement basis only.

• NBRC share must be spent alongside match and cost share.
NBRC Request Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.
Other Federal Share: Click or tap here to enter text.
Applicant/Other Match: Click or tap here to enter text.
Volunteer/In-Kind Match: Click or tap here to enter text.
Total Project Cost: Click or tap here to enter text.

Technical Assistance Needs
LDD associated with your project location - Local Develop District (LDD) requirement and list of eligible LDDs available on NBRC website:
Will technical assistance help improve your project or prepare you for NBRC funding? Select all the technical assistance needs required for your project: ☐ General coaching in support of pre-application development   ☐ Understanding of programmatic and state investment priorities   ☐ Understanding of programmatic/grant administration requirements and responsibilities   ☐ Developing a project budget   ☐ Developing project narrative   ☐ Downtown Development   ☐ Other Brief Description:

Environmental Review
Preliminary Environmental Review Questions to consider as your project is developed: • Is the project location(s) known?   • Does the project involve real property that is not currently in the ownership of the applicant?   • Does the project involve ground disturbance?   • Does the project involve construction of real property and/or significant rehabilitation of existing real property?   • Does the project involve a change of use of real property?   • Have any environmental assessments been conducted for this project, either with NBRC or another Federal agency?   • Will the project activities trigger any known additional permitting or regulatory processes for the State where the project is located and/or for another funder involved in the project?

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Leave the following sections blank and submit to your State Program Manager and admin@nbrc.gov. NBRC and state partners will provide feedback.

State Feedback
Alignment with State Priorities: Click or tap here to enter text.
Project Readiness: Click or tap here to enter text.
Competitiveness: Click or tap here to enter text.
Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

NBRC Feedback
Alignment with Program Priorities: Click or tap here to enter text.
Anticipated level of environmental review: Click or tap here to enter text.
Budget Flags: Click or tap here to enter text.
Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

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