

## Regional Forest Economy Partnership Awards

### RFEP 2021:

- **University of Maine System (ME)** - \$361,651: Launch of a knowledge center at the University of Maine and to purchase equipment to support fiber thermoforming with wood fiber.
- **Lincoln, Town of (ME)** - \$638,349: Construction of the Lincoln Lakes Innovation Center, a workforce development center which aims to produce a skilled and versatile workforce for the forest industry innovation park in Lincoln, Maine.

### RFEP 2020:

- **Vermont Department of Public Service** - \$1,000,000 (VT): Model funding program for community-driven broadband expansion to expand broadband across the State of VT.
- **Northern Forest Center** - \$1,000,000 (ME, NH, NY, VT): Launch and capitalize Phase One of the four-state Northern Forest Fund to address the availability of quality workforce housing in four communities, one in each state of the NBRC territory.
- **Town of Madison** - \$1,000,000 (ME): Infrastructure improvements at the former UPM Paper Mill to create a state-of-the-art Forest Products Hub.
- **Northern Vermont University** - \$986,252 (NH & VT): Establish the NVU Forestry Accelerator & Workforce Development program to address the economic shift produced by the chronic and consistent decline of the forest products industry across the tri-county region of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, and Coös County, New Hampshire.
- **Town of Hardwick** - \$1,000,000 (VT): These funds will support the Hardwick Yellow Barn Business Accelerator. The project consists of the adaptive reuse of historic property to create a business accelerator that will lead to significant job growth and market expansion in the farm and food-based sector.

### RFEP 2019:

- **University of Maine** - \$1,000,000: To build a demonstration facility cellulose nanofiber (CNF) plant to speed the commercialization of a new forest product.
- **Town of East Millinocket** - \$450,000: To redevelop the East Millinocket paper mill site into a multi-industrial complex.
- **Vermont Technical College** - \$1,000,000: Workforce development and training in the forestry and wood products industry
- **Workforce Development Institute** - \$571,267: Workforce development training; program development

- **New Hampshire Preservation Alliance** - \$1,000,000: Development of an interstate shared Northeast Heritage Economy Program that subgrants to community-driven projects in downtowns and historic places.
- **Northern Forest Center** - \$908,277: Technical assistance to promote recreation in the region; hold destination development workshops; subgrant \$700K to entities
- **Vermont Housing and Conservation Board** - \$624,059: Technical assistance to farm and food businesses; provide programs and services
- **Maine Development Foundation** - \$646,396: A partnership model building on stakeholder-driven work to focus on the development of community revitalization projects in communities most impacted by mill closures.