



2021 STATE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

What's new:

- States will have approximately \$4.6MM in 2021 SEID funds
- Based on FY'21 appropriations language, NBRC will accept requests from 2021 grant applicants for “partial match” or “no match” applications if the grantee demonstrates that matching funds are not available because of the impacts of COVID-19. Please see Appendix A of the 2021 SEID Application manual for additional NBRC guidance
- Letter of Interest Submission is strongly encouraged
- Creation of dedicated e-mail for the submission of LOIs, loi@nbro.gov
- Significant technical and user-friendly updates have been made to NBRC's application portal to make the submission of an application and the upload of application support materials easier

Dates for the 2021 Economic Infrastructure Development Program:

2021 SEID materials available on NBRC website	March 8, 2021
Letters of Interest (Submission strongly encouraged)	Due March 26 th by 5:00 p.m. EST
LDD Waiver Request*	By April 2 nd
Significant Benefit Waiver Request**	By April 2 nd
Application portal open	April 15 th
Waiver Requests for Previously Awarded SEID Recipient/75% of previous SEID projects expended***	By May 1 st
Applications (Submitted through NBRC Application Database Only)	Due May 14 th by 5:00 p.m. EST
NBRC notification of awards & notice to unsuccessful applicants	By August 31, 2021
NBRC grant agreement preparation & distribution	September 2021
LDD and grant recipient training (Virtual)	October/November 2021
NBRC/EDA notification of awards & notice to unsuccessful applicants	October 2021
NBRC/USDA notification of awards & notice to unsuccessful applicants	November 2021

Important Reminders for the 2021 Economic Infrastructure Development Program:

Letters of Interest for SEID 2021 are **strongly encouraged**. Submission of Letters of Interest will be submitted to NBRC via the loi@nbrc.gov e-mail and shared with the State Program Managers in each state. The goal in encouraging LOI submission is to make State Program Managers aware of your project, as well as provide feedback and guidance prior to the submission of a full application.

***LDD Waiver Request.** A department of State government is the only applicant entity who is not required to request a LDD waiver or include LDD/grant administration in their project budget. All other applicants must request a waiver, and have it approved by NBRC, prior to the submission of their application. Entities who have previously received a LDD waiver for a prior NBRC grant must request a waiver for the new project. If you believe your entity is eligible for a waiver, please complete the [LDD Waiver Request form](#). **NOTE:** If a LDD waiver is being requested, the request must be submitted to the NBRC's Program Director Andrea Smith at asmith@nbrc.gov and received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, April 2, 2021.

***LDD Budgeting and Waiver Request (VERMONT ONLY).** An applicant entity who is located entirely in Vermont does not have to include LDD/grant administration in their project budget but is still required to request a waiver of the LDD requirement unless the applicant entity is a department of State Government. The applicant must request a waiver and have it approved by NBRC, prior to the submission of their application. Entities who have previously received a LDD waiver for a prior NBRC grant must request a waiver for the new project. If you believe your entity is eligible for a waiver, please complete the [LDD Waiver Request form](#). **NOTE:** If a LDD waiver is being requested, the request must be submitted to NBRC's Program Director Andrea Smith at asmith@nbrc.gov and received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, April 2, 2021.

For more information on the federal legislation that directs NBRC to enhance the capacity of, and provide support for local development districts, please see [Role of the LDD](#).

***Significant Benefit Waiver.** A potential grantee in an Attainment County, but outside of a given year's Isolated Area of Distress, may request a waiver allowing them to apply for funding if the project will bring significant economic benefits to an Isolated Area of Distress in an Attainment County, or a Distressed or Transitional county in an NBRC state. However, this exception requires approval of the waiver by the Federal Co-Chair and the Governor's Alternates of the four NBRC States.

Applicants for NBRC funding should contact the NBRC Program Director if they believe their project should be eligible for a waiver. Applicants will need to show clear and convincing evidence of a project's economic impact beyond the border of the Attainment County. **NOTE:** If a Significant Benefit waiver is being requested, the request must be submitted to NBRC's Program Director Andrea Smith at asmith@nbrc.gov and received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, April 2, 2021.

*****Previous NBRC SEID Recipient.** If the applicant has an existing SEID project with NBRC, they are not eligible to apply for additional NBRC investments until their current project has both (1) submitted reimbursement requests totaling 75% or more of the project by May 1, 2021; and (2) demonstrated that 75% of the cost share has been expended by May 1, 2021. A prior applicant who cannot meet the 75% expenditure

rule outlined above but can demonstrate their project delays are due to the impacts of COVID-19, is also eligible to submit a waiver. **NOTE:** A request for a waiver, together with documentation to support the waiver of this requirement, must be submitted to NBRC's Program Director Andrea Smith at asmith@nbc.gov and received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, May 1, 2021. **The waiver must be approved by NBRC for the applicant to be eligible to seek 2021 funding.**