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2021 NBRC Economic & Infrastructure Development Grant Awards Announced

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) has approved **\$18.6 Million** in new awards to **44 projects** as of August 4, 2021. The awards are part of the annual State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant round. These projects are matched by an additional **\$47 Million** in public and private investments, resulting in **\$65.6 Million** in total investment across the four-state NBRC region, including portions of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. These projects will unfold over the next three years, and all of this year's awardees are listed on the NBRC's website, www.nbrc.gov.

The 2021 SEID grant round was the NBRC's most competitive to date. NBRC received 156 applications that collectively requested \$81 Million, a 16% increase in requests over 2020. The program continues to attract new grantees as the NBRC expands outreach throughout the region: In 2021, 82% of applicants were new to the program, following 86% in 2020.

The SEID program is a Federal-State partnership, with each NBRC state scoring applications consistent with state and local economic development plans, and the NBRC administering the awards and supporting projects over time.

"This year's projects focused heavily on infrastructure, workforce development partnerships, and broadband investments, the building blocks of stronger local and regional economies," said NBRC Executive Director Rich Grogan. "It will be our privilege to support the implementation of these projects in the coming years."

The funds for this program, and all NBRC programs, are available thanks to the support of the Congressional Delegations of all four NBRC states: Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. Depending on the availability of funds, the NBRC anticipates another round of SEID awards in 2022. Additionally, Letters of Interest for the NBRC's Regional Forest Economy Partnership (RFEP) are currently being accepted now through September 10th, 2021. Please refer to NBRC's website, www.nbrc.gov, for announcements about current and future Funding Opportunities.

Created in 2008, the Northern Border Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership whose mission is to help alleviate economic distress and encourage private sector job creation in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. In its thirteen-year history, including these new awards, the commission has awarded 331 grants, amounting to more than \$90.6 million in direct investment and \$296 million in additional leveraged investments, across the four states through its primary State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program and other special initiatives.