

Agency of Commerce and Community Development Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)

Program Open: Applications typically due in spring/summer (anticipated spring 2023) with funding decisions made in the fall. Applicants must submit a Letter of Interest to be considered for invitation to submit a SEID application. Visit accd.vermont.gov for details.

Program Description: The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is a Federal-State partnership that invests in community and economic development projects in economically distressed counties across Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. The mission of the NBRC is to fund economic development and infrastructure projects throughout designated counties in its four-state service area. The NBRC partnership provides investments to job-creating projects.

Eligible State Economic and Infrastructure Development (EID) Program uses:

- Transportation infrastructure
- Basic Public Infrastructure
- Telecommunications Infrastructure
- Renewable and Alternative Energy Infrastructure
- Business and Workforce Development
- Basic Health Care
- Resource Conservation, Tourism, Recreation

Eligibility and Match: Eligible entities are

- State governments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York
- Local governments (village, town, city, and county)
- Other political subdivisions of States (regional planning commissions, authorities of the state)
- Indian Tribes; § 200.54 Indian tribe (or "federally recognized Indian tribe")
- Non-profit entities (described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that Code)

NBRC annually assess the level of economic and demographic distress in its service area to determine whether or not the NBRC can provide grants within a county and determine the percent of match required for NBRC funded projects (at either 20% or 50% match). Distress criteria is updated annually, and most recent assessments are here: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/distressed-counties>

Maximum Award & Award Calculation: Awards up to \$350,000 for non-infrastructure, or up to \$1 million for infrastructure (subject to change in future competitions).

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