

00:26:10 Sarah Demers: Details on NBRC's distress criteria: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/distressed-counties>
00:30:18 Sarah Demers: Find everything related to Catalyst here: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst>
00:32:11 Brad Holmes: Does the pre app deadline in March apply to both the spring and fall awards?
00:33:00 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Does the pre app dea..."

No. There will be a fall pre-application deadline.

00:33:13 Brad Holmes: Can there be a distressed community in the second tier 50/50 eligibility district? Meaning eligible for 80/20 in an otherwise 50/50 area?
00:34:06 katie gardella: Can we apply for a new project to the catalyst program if we already have a current project that is being funded by NBRC?
00:34:55 Howard Epstein: What are the criteria for each of the distressed community level ?
00:34:57 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can we apply for a n..."

Yes, you can apply, but you will need to determine whether you need a 75% expenditure waiver.

00:35:08 Lois Burleigh: can 501 (c) apply for funding of renewable energy project?
00:35:16 NBRC - Andrea Smith: No. If a project is in a Distressed County it is 80/20, if it is in a Transitional County it is 50/50. If the project is multi-county, meaning it includes both Distressed and Transitional, the match will be averaged.
00:35:43 Sarah Demers: Replying to "What are the criteri..."

See the link at the top of this chat which brings you to the NBRC web page that details distress criteria.

00:36:00 Todd Horner: Replying to "Can we apply for a n..."

What are valid reasons for requesting a waiver?

00:36:33 katie gardella: Replying to "Can we apply for a n..."

The project that is currently being funded has not even gotten a NTP. We have not spent any funds from the grant. Can we apply for a 75% waiver?

00:37:25 Sarah Demers: Replying to "can 501 (c) apply fo..."

501c is eligible, and renewable energy may be an eligible project depending on the details

00:38:05 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Can we apply for a n..."

You can certainly apply for a 75% expenditure waiver, explaining the status of your prior award. NBRC would recommend you discuss your projects want for additional funding with your SPM, as a 75% expenditure waiver does require review and approval by the State.

00:38:20 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can we apply for a n..."

@katie gardella, you can apply for a waiver, it will be up to your State to make the determination on whether to grant it.

00:39:24 Dakin Burdick: Can we apply separately as a 501c3 or should/must the application be done in collaboration with the city or county?

00:39:47 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can we apply separat..."

501c3 are eligible applicants

00:43:40 Howard Epstein: Where can we access the Users Manual ?

00:43:56 Kaela Tavares: Can funding be used for design & engineering for a wastewater line that runs through federal land, if the infrastructure is owned by the municipality and located in an easement area? Or does the restriction on investment on federal lands apply?

00:44:26 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Where can we access ..."

At the top of this chat is a link to the Catalyst webpage. The manual is located at the bottom of that page.

00:45:46 Amber Rock: Can the match be a volunteer match utilizing the osha guidelines

00:47:30 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can funding be used ..."

Funding can be used for design and engineering, however these projects are not likely to be as competitive as a project that also includes development. I'm not sure what is meant by "restriction on investment on federal lands". We do require a Notice of Federal Investment when land is acquired with NBRC funds.

00:48:32 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can the match be a v..."

We do allow volunteer match and it must be documented and rates qualified - I am not aware of osha guidelines for volunteer match.

00:49:15 Brad Holmes: What defines a federal interest in a built project?

00:49:23 Dakin Burdick: Reacted to "What defines a feder..." with

00:49:26 Drew Pollak-Bruce: To clarify an HOA that is a NH Domestic Nonprofit Corporation but not a tax exempt org (501C3 or 4) would not be eligible. Is that correct?

00:50:00 Lianne Prentice: Is renovation of existing structure included in the definition of construction requiring a 20-year federal interest?

00:50:29 Sarah Demers: Replying to "To clarify an HOA th..."

it must be identified as a 501c by IRS regulations

00:50:42 Drew Pollak-Bruce: Reacted to "it must be identifie..." with

00:50:47 Lois Burleigh: do we need to have NEPA review costs funded by non NBRC and non match funds?

00:50:57 Edwina Boose: Can you define "committed" with matching funds? You want us to show a match, but cannot have received it, even if n to used yet?

00:51:14 stuart arnett: Hi Sarah, Maybe explain when the 3 year clock starts, and the NTP and NEPA processes,, thx.

00:52:29 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can you define "comm..."

Committed means funds are in-hand or have been awarded.

00:53:21 Edwina Boose: Where do we find out more about NEPA exclusions? If we have been through the State NHB and wetland permits with fish and game consultation, how is that different than NEPA?

00:54:17 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Where do we find out..."

This link on our website describes what NEPA is and what to expect. <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/NEPA>

00:55:33 Edwina Boose: Is Buy American a preference or requirement? IE pressure treated wood?

00:55:52 Dakin Burdick: What defines a federal interest in a built project?

00:56:09 Michelle Beaudin: Can you say more about what counts as a match. Or maybe there is a explanation in the program guide?

00:57:03 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is Buy American a pr..."

BABAA guidance can be found here:<https://www.nbrc.gov/content/BABAA>

00:57:04 Amber Rock: With an 80/20 on a construction project is there a difference of materials vs excavation with some grants they only cover 80% of materials but 100% of machine or labor

00:57:13 Dakin Burdick: what is federal interest?

00:57:14 Brad Holmes: What does federal interstate mean?

00:57:40 Brad Holmes: Need a definition of federal interest!

00:58:19 Sarah Demers: Replying to "With an 80/20 on a c..."

the rate remains the same for all budget items and all reimbursements

01:00:05 Dakin Burdick: Does this definition of federal interest match that of NBRC?

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bphc/funding/nfi-filing-guide.pdf>

01:00:29 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Need a definition of..."

To protect the federal interest, when the NBRC investment is for the acquisition of real property a Notice of Federal interest is always required to be filed in the appropriate official records of the jurisdiction where the property is located. When the NBRC investment in real property is for improvements, rehabilitation, construction, etc. and said investment is \$250,000 or greater, a Notice of Federal Interest is also required to be filed in the appropriate official records of the jurisdiction where the property is located. The NFI must be recorded and provided to NBRC before requesting a reimbursement of funds under the award.

01:01:26 stuart arnett: \$30m / 4 = \$7.5m for NH now. There is also the "partner" additional funding

piece "to be determined"

01:01:36 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can you say more abo..."

See the User Manual for a description - a link is at the top of this chat. If you have further questions, please reach out to admin@nbc.gov

01:02:53 Brad Holmes: What is the fall pre app date?

01:03:45 Sarah Demers: Replying to "What is the fall pre..."

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01:03:50 Dakin Burdick: Could you please give the URL for that grant manual that includes the definition of federal interest? I'm not finding it in the NBRC User Manual_January 2024

01:04:41 Shannon Rogers: Are letters of support and a full budget also required for the pre-application?

01:04:53 stuart arnett: Will pre app Grants. gov info roll over to the application if invited to apply? Thx.

01:04:53 Amber Rock: With the online submission does a LDD need to submit?

01:05:15 Edwina Boose: Replying to "Can you define "comm..."

So any that we have received, but saved to use with NBRC funds, cannot be used as a match?

01:05:35 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Could you please giv..."

Near the top of this page you will find the Compliance manual: <https://www.nbc.gov/content/administration>

01:06:02 Dakin Burdick: Replying to "Could you please giv..."

Thanks!

01:06:04 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Will pre app Grants...."

YES!

01:06:08 Mary Bourque: Can you explain BABAA preference vs. requirement? Will it be required for all components to be compliant? Colleagues have reported in to be cost-prohibitive to be 100% compliant.

01:06:57 Sarah Demers: Replying to "With the online subm..."

Can you clarify your question?

01:07:03 Cynthia Griffin: What is a Unique Entity ID and where do you get one?

01:08:06 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can you explain BABA..."

BABAA guidance can be found here: <https://www.nbc.gov/content/BABAA>

01:08:56 Amber Rock: Replying to "With the online subm..."

We need to use a Local Development District? They would assist with all documents? Would the applicant or the LDD need to submit the application

01:09:07 dick Henry: Is there a map of DAC communities in NH with the new definitions?

01:09:13 Michelle Beaudin: Replying to "What is a Unique Ent..."

<https://sam.gov/content/home> new number required for federal grants. Used to be DUNS number

01:10:17 Sarah Demers: Replying to "With the online subm..."

The applicant will register and submit the pre-application and application, however LDDs will receive training to help answer questions about the pre-application and application process.

01:10:48 Vanessa Johnson: can match come from a for-profit entity?

01:11:05 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is there a map of DA..."

@stuart arnett - do you have an answer to this question?

01:11:15 Amber Rock: Replying to "With the online subm..."

Thank you

01:11:17 dick Henry: Would Direct Pay from the Inflation Reduction Act be allowable for match?

01:12:13 Sarah Demers: Replying to "can match come from ..."

cash and volunteer services from a non-profit are generally eligible
01:12:48 Sarah Demers: Replying to "With the online subm..."

the applicant submits the application, however LDDs will be trained to help answer questions about the submission process
01:12:54 Cynthia Griffin: What is the impact if our budget changes in category from preapplication to final application (if invited)
01:13:05 Vanessa Johnson: Replying to "can match come from ..."

thank you, what about match from a for-profit business?
01:13:17 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would Direct Pay fro..."

Good question - please ask that question when the Q&A session re-opens.
01:14:29 Sarah Demers: Replying to "What is the impact i..."

There is opportunity to update at application, however there should be sufficient description to understand why this has changed between pre-application to application.
01:16:03 Sarah Demers: Replying to "can match come from ..."

yes, we will need a letter of commitment to understand the nature of their commitment.
01:16:43 Sarah Demers: Replying to "can match come from ..."

sorry, I mis-read your original question!
01:17:40 Amber Rock: Can you explain a timeline of when the 3 years of completion would start. Does the clock start at final approval?
01:19:14 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can you define "comm..."

No, that is not accurate. Can you clarify your question?
01:21:39 Edwina Boose: Replying to "Can you define "comm..."

It says that NBCR funds and MATCH cannot be committed before receiving the Notice to Proceed.
01:23:42 Shannon Rogers: Would letter of commitments of match be due at pre-application stage or only if invited to the full application?
01:23:45 Edwina Boose: If apply in the Fall '24, when are we notified and when are monies made available?
01:23:46 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Can you define "comm..."

@Edwina Boose, hopefully that helped. Basically, you can not spend match prior to receiving your Notice to Proceed.
01:24:34 NBRC - Andrea Smith: No NBRC funds or funds the entity is intending to utilize to meet the match/cost share requirement can be committed or expended prior to the project receiving a Notice to Proceed.
01:25:23 Edwina Boose: Replying to "Can you define "comm..."

yes, thank you. the verbal definition was important.
01:26:32 Sarah Demers: Replying to "If apply in the Fall..."

There are multiple steps that must be completed prior to receiving a Notice to Proceed. The time frame is often dependent on how long your NEPA process takes. Reviewing the User Manual and FAQ will help to understand the process.
01:26:46 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Detailed guidance on securing match/cost share can be found within our Compliance Manual on page 17
01:27:21 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would letter of comm..."

Not needed at pre-application stage
01:27:49 Shannon Rogers: Reacted to "Not needed at pre-ap..." with
01:27:55 Steve Fortier - BEA: - my email address: steven.j.fortier@livefree.nh.gov

01:32:04 stuart arnett: www.NBRC-NH.com
01:35:53 stuart arnett: On the site is a questionnaire that mirrors NBRC questions, and you can set up an intake interview at the end of the intake. After that intake of 30-45 minute intake, we can assign a coach to assist you forward. It may be us or an external coach, or your LDD.
01:36:29 Steve Fortier - BEA: Reacted to "On the site is a que..." with
01:36:37 stuart arnett: We are adjusting-updating the site as we watch this webinar, so it may be glitchy for awhile, but working now.
01:37:49 Amber Rock: Does NBRC offer cash advance
01:38:02 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

No

01:39:12 Jo Anne Carr: Thank you all
01:40:28 Drew Pollak-Bruce: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

Sometimes a strategy for a non-profit is to get a low/no interest loan, perhaps from a non-profit lender, that could cover the expenses between spending and reimbursement

01:40:36 Cynthia Griffin: If the federal budget gets approved by US Congress, the increase in available funds would be added to the second round or next year?
01:41:13 Sarah Demers: Replying to "If the federal budge..."

I think it will depend on the timing of when the budget is approved.

01:41:55 Edwina Boose: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

Can you give an example of a non profit lender? We have been looking for loans, but all high interest.

01:42:25 Drew Pollak-Bruce: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

<https://www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-grant/nonprofit-loan-program/>

01:42:41 NBRC - Andrea Smith: NBRC funds and MATCH/Cost Share cannot be committed or expended before receiving the Notice to Proceed. There are multiple steps after notification of award to reach a Notice to Proceed.

01:43:24 Drew Pollak-Bruce: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

New Hampshire Charitable Loan Program

01:44:05 Drew Pollak-Bruce: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

Excuse me, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Non-Profit Loan Program

01:44:45 Edwina Boose: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

TY

01:45:01 Steve Fortier - BEA: Replying to "Does NBRC offer cash..."

Edwina, your local Economic Development Corp, as well.

01:45:11 Janel Lawton: Questioning regarding requesting a waiver from 75% NBRC Prior Investment Expenditure Requirement for prior award. When does the 75% spend down need to be completed by in regard to a new application/award?

01:45:12 Drew Pollak-Bruce: Reacted to "Edwina, your local E..." with

01:47:07 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Questioning regardin..."

For the Spring Round March 1st, for the Fall Round September 1st

01:48:30 Shannon Rogers: Reacted to "Questioning regardin..." with

01:52:49 dick Henry: In the RFP process does NBRC require that you take the low bid??

01:53:25 Cynthia Griffin: In the RFP can we determine the selection criteria or does price rule. Not every vendor really has the capability of delivering the project

01:53:53 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "In the RFP process d..."

Please see our Compliance Manual for additional guidance

01:54:08 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "In the RFP can we de..."

Please see our Compliance Manual for additional guidance

01:54:09 Chief Paul Bunnell: thank you

01:54:10 Janel Lawton: Fantastic info download! Thanks, NBRC team!

01:54:20 michelle moren-grey: Thank you NBRC Team!

01:54:21 Brian Groth: thank you!

01:54:21 Drew Pollak-Bruce: Thank you everyone!!!

01:54:23 dick Henry: Very good workshop thanks