

00:17:58 Sarah Demers: Link to NBRC Catalyst Program: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst>  
00:19:09 Sarah Demers: Link to Catalyst User Manual - check this site often for updates to the Manual:  
chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/[https://www.nbrc.gov/userfiles/files/Catalyst%20Program/Us%20Manual\\_January%202024.pdf](https://www.nbrc.gov/userfiles/files/Catalyst%20Program/Us%20Manual_January%202024.pdf)  
00:19:47 Sarah Demers: Link to Catalyst FAQ: chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/<https://www.nbrc.gov/userfiles/files/Catalyst%20Program/FAQ.pdf>  
00:25:07 Kelsey Stavseth: What is the difference in the color?  
00:25:52 Sarah Demers: Replying to "What is the differen..."

The different distress categories - dark green = distressed, light green = transitional  
00:26:01 Kelsey Stavseth: Replying to "What is the differen..."

thank you!

00:26:17 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "thank you!" with  
00:31:08 Nancy Griffith: Will this slideshow be shared?  
00:31:28 Carrie Wright: Reacted to "Will this slideshow ..." with  
00:32:37 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Will this slideshow ..."

yes, it will be posted on our website. We'll check with Adrienne to confirm that the recording and chat will also be sent out to registered participants.

00:34:36 Ananya Das: Does the match have to be monetary or can it be in-kind?  
00:35:00 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Does the match have ..."

both are acceptable

00:35:07 Ananya Das: Replying to "Does the match have ..."

Thank you

00:35:16 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Thank you" with  
00:42:24 Shannon Barsotti: Is a childcare center considered 'basic public infrastructure'?  
00:43:22 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is a childcare cente..."

This information is contained in the User Manual - a link to the manual is at the top of this chat.

00:43:48 Clare Rock: we have a private water and wastewater system which needs upgrades (infrastructure project). The water and wastewater system serves a neighborhood and a resort. The water company is an LLC and is not a non-profit. I understand the water company is not eligible to apply for NRBC funds. Can the municipality in which the system is located apply for NRBC funds and contribute funds directly towards the needed upgrades?

00:43:48 Susan Arguin: Is a New Town office/town hall considered infrastructure?  
00:44:03 Kelsey Stavseth: how quickly does the reimbursement get disbursed after request submission?  
00:45:58 Sarah Demers: Replying to "we have a private wa..."

The entity who applies needs to have "control" over the resources being invested in - so the municipality would need to have an ownership interest in the water/wastewater system.

00:45:59 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "how quickly does the..."

We suggest that grantees are able to cover bills for up to a month. When you submit your reimbursement request, if there are not issues or corrections needed, it could take a week or two to be processed, depending on how many other request we have. Once it has been processed, grantees typically see the funds in their account in about 10 business days.

00:46:06 Reeva Murphy: does match have to be from a non-federal source?  
00:46:23 Pam Mackenzie: multiple counties or multiple communities?  
00:46:28 C.J. King: can portions of the funds needed be expended b4 notice to proceed if they are beyond the required match?  
00:46:37 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is a New Town office..."

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00:47:31 Sarah Demers: Replying to "multiple counties or..."

both are eligible applicants and can partner on an application.

00:48:09 Sarah Demers: Replying to "does match have to b..."

we allow up to 80% of the budget to come from federal sources - a minimum of 20% must come from non-federal sources.

00:50:11 Sarah Demers: Replying to "can portions of the ..."

activities covered by the budget submitted to NBRC (both NBRC and Match) can not be committed (issuing a contract for example) or expended prior to a Notice to Proceed.

00:50:25 Helen Rortvedt: If a non-infrastructure project would benefit some Distressed Counties and some Transitional Counties, how would we determine the non-federal match ratio that is required?

00:51:20 Sarah Demers: Replying to "If a non-infrastruct..."

Your match will be calculated as an average of the counties served.

00:51:25 C.J. King: Replying to "can portions of the ..."

what about architectural and engineering services needed to plan a construction project?

00:51:30 Helen Rortvedt: Replying to "If a non-infrastruct..."

Thanks!

00:51:36 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Thanks!" with

00:53:06 Alison Low: What are the parameters for "maintenance" for infrastructure? I'm asking because we have aging wastewater systems that are nearing once-in-a-generation investments to continue to be serviceable and meet evolving water quality standards. These investments often outpace capital reserve funding.

00:54:24 Sandy` Gregg: How long is an Environmental Review good for?

00:54:32 Sarah Demers: Replying to "can portions of the ..."

@C.J. King, if you do not plan to pay for those services with NBRC funds and NBRC allocated match, then those would be outside the NBRC budget and could happen prior to a grant award. If you DO plan to pay with those services with NBRC funds or match, then you would likely need to wait until you received a Partial Notice to Proceed -Adrienne will cover this.

00:54:50 C.J. King: is the nepa cost estimate of 5-10,000 for permitting to state etc, not directly to nbrc?

00:56:29 Sarah Demers: Replying to "What are the paramet..."

That is a good question - when we break, please ask this question

00:56:42 RJ Adler: Thanks for the webinar. Is there a recording being sent? I've got to leave for a doctor's appointment.

00:56:51 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "How long is an Envir..."

For NBRC, satisfaction of NEPA is good for the lifetime of the project, unless the project has a revised scope that requires additional NEPA analysis

00:56:57 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Thanks for the webin..."

Yes, we'll provide a recording and the slides

00:57:13 Aimee Green: Can you please explain the jurisdictions a little more relative to the higher max up to 2MM for infrastructure?

00:57:59 Alison Low: Thank you!

00:58:08 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "is the nepa cost est..."

General in nature and not specific to state permits, etc. Additional NEPA guidance is provided on our website <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/NEPA>. NBRC conducted a detailed NEPA training last year and you can view that information on that same page.

00:58:16 Reeva Murphy: will Catalyst funds cover Start Up costs for a qualified infra-structure

construction project?

00:58:37 Meghan Asbury, TRORC: Reacted to "If a non-infrastruct..." with  
00:58:40 Meghan Asbury, TRORC: Reacted to "Your match will be c..." with  
00:58:47 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Thank you!" with  
00:59:32 Reeva Murphy: i cant unmute  
00:59:35 C.J. King: so if a healthcare project serves multiple towns and across state lines, is that multi-jurisdiction? building would be only in one location.  
00:59:39 Eric Mallette, The Paramount Theatre: Hello! What are the parameters for the 106 review? Does it focus on the piece of the project NBRC would be specifically funding or does it review the entire larger project top to bottom, which includes a variety of elements in an historically recognized building?  
01:00:44 Reeva Murphy: For a new CC center - FF&E , supplies & materials, pre-opening staffing?  
01:01:01 Sarah Demers: Replying to "so if a healthcare p..."

No, construction activities and NBRC investments need to occur in each of the multiple jurisdictions.

01:01:31 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Hello! What are the ..."

NEPA must be satisfied for the entire project for which NBRC funds are being utilized for, even if some of those project costs are being covered by match/cost share. We look at the project in its entirety. Additional guidance on NEPA can also be found on our website, including a recording of a training we conducted last year. <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/NEPA>

01:02:22 Mahala Lynn: Would State parks be eligible for this funding?  
01:02:30 Sarah Demers: Replying to "For a new CC center ..."

Hi Reeva, I'm going to ask you to submit your question in detail to Adrienne by e mailing her at [admin@nbrc.gov](mailto:admin@nbrc.gov)

01:02:43 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would State parks be..."

Yes!

01:03:00 Reeva Murphy: Replying to "For a new CC center ..."

will do thanks

01:03:04 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "will do thanks" with  
01:03:12 Eric Mallette, The Paramount Theatre: Replying to "Hello! What are the ..."

Thank you for the clarification! I appreciate it.

01:04:00 Ananya Das: When will the pre-application open?  
01:04:33 Mahala Lynn: Replying to "Would State parks be..."

Could it be used towards labor costs?

01:04:56 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would State parks be..."

Yes, labor is an eligible cost

01:05:42 Sarah Demers: Replying to "When will the pre-ap..."

We expect to have training sessions later this month and more details will be available then.

01:06:40 Nancy Griffith: I can't see to open the user manual link  
01:06:46 Darren Schibler: "Disadvantaged community" isn't in the user manual, based on a quick search. Can you clarify this here?  
01:07:30 Sarah Demers: Replying to "I can't see to open ..."

You can also find it at the bottom of the Catalyst page.

01:07:51 Mary Harwood: Is isolated distressed area eligible for disadvantaged community?  
01:08:06 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Hello! What are the ..."

Underserved Communities: A community who suffers from a combination of economic, health and environmental burdens, including high unemployment and poverty, basic resources or conditions, such as standard housing, medical and educational facilities, and civil rights and vulnerable populations, including

minority, low income, rural, tribal, indigenous, homeless, and limited English-speaking populations. See Appendix H for additional resources on identifying underserved communities in the NBRC region.

01:08:29 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to ""Disadvantaged commu..."

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01:08:41 Darren Schibler: Replying to ""Disadvantaged commu..."

Thanks!

01:08:51 Patty Giavara: Would Indoor air quality (Fresh air Ventilation & filtration) projects fit within Catalyst?

01:09:53 Ananya Das: Replying to "When will the pre-ap..."

How can we be notified of these sessions? Is there a place we should enter our emails or should we just check the website regularly?

01:10:50 Sarah Demers: Replying to "When will the pre-ap..."

If you receive our communications through Constant Contact, you will be notified. If you do not, please send an e mail to [admin@nbc.gov](mailto:admin@nbc.gov) and request to be added.

01:11:09 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would Indoor air qua..."

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01:25:29 Cynthia Stuart: How many points for located within or directly benefiting...

01:27:50 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "How many points for ..."

Cynthia, can you please provide more detail in your question? Thanks!

01:28:43 Ananya Das: Roughly what percentage of applications get funded?

01:29:32 Cynthia Stuart: Replying to "How many points for ..."

Just looking for the Vermont points for each priority?

01:29:50 Kristie Farnham: Replying to "How many points for ..."

Is the project located within or directly benefiting an opportunity zone, state designated downtown, or village center?

For a maximum of 5 points on a gradient scale

01:30:18 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Reacted to "Is the project locat..." with

01:30:22 Cynthia Stuart: Replying to "How many points for ..."

Thank you!

01:31:46 Pam Mackenzie: when should we expect the updated manual? when will the slides be posted? thanks so much this has been really well done!

01:31:55 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Reacted to "when should we expec..." with

01:32:00 Ananya Das: Sorry, did you say a total of 60 awards were made last year?

01:32:07 Patty Giavara: Are the numbers Adrienne just mentioned for VT or for the whole program?

01:33:01 Joleen Durfee: If a Spring pre-application is not accepted but we are invited to apply for future awards, may applicants pre-apply for the fall round with an updated proposal?

01:33:08 Sarah Lang, NBRC: <https://www.nbc.gov/content/vermont>

01:33:44 Eric Mallette, The Paramount Theatre: Thank you for this great conversation. We look forward to applying!

01:33:49 Aimee Green: Are there percentages for the 3 states available now for what you expect each state to be able to grant this year?

01:34:42 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "If a Spring pre-appl..."

Each round is unto itself. If you are not invited to apply in the Spring Round, you should have further

conversation with your State Program Manager before reapplying.

01:36:27 Janet Callison: Replying to "If a Spring pre-appl..."

Thank you!

01:36:37 Ananya Das: Thank you!

01:36:46 Joleen Durfee: Thank you!

01:36:51 Zak Hale: Thank you!