

00:09:42 Sarah Demers: NCRC Catalyst program: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/program-areas>
00:16:31 cindy bouley: Would you consider culverts as infrastructure?
00:17:45 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would you consider c..."

Adrienne is going to go into detail on determining whether a project is eligible later in her presentation - if you still have a question following that, feel free to speak up during one of the Q&A sessions.

00:20:28 Sarah Demers: Dark green counties = distressed counties; Light green = transitional counties
00:24:54 Melanie Spencer: Would open-access recreational trails development on a mixture of lands (municipal, private, etc.) be eligible as a project?
00:27:25 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would open-access re..."

yes, however we would need assurance of public access on privately owned lands - typically a recorded conservation easement or trail access easement. And, any land acquired with NBRC funds will need a recorded notice of federal interest.

00:27:27 Melanie Spencer: Would Universities be eligible applicants for the Catalyst grants?
00:28:08 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Would Universities b..."

Yes, public and non-profit colleges and Universities are eligible applicants.

00:32:52 Julie Hashem: Is it safe to assume "construction" includes site work?
00:33:20 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is it safe to assume..."

Likely yes

00:33:33 Julie Hashem: Replying to "Is it safe to assume..."

thank you

00:33:39 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "thank you" with
00:35:52 Charlotte Mace: I would be interested to hear the answer to the culverts question from above
00:37:07 Sarah Demers: Replying to "I would be intereste..."

Generally culverts are considered part of the Transportation Infrastructure category and may or not be combined with other infrastructure categories depending on the specifics of the project.

00:38:18 Charlotte Mace: Replying to "I would be intereste..."

Okay thanks

00:38:30 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Okay thanks" with
00:38:45 tom kennedy: Is a mobile home park, that is cooperatively owned, be eligible for infrastructure funding to replace a failing sewer and water system
00:39:42 Jen Peters: If an organization has received loan funding to purchase a property, can that loan be considered match toward a grant for infrastructure improvements on that property?
00:40:37 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is a mobile home par..."

You would need to ensure that the applicant was an eligible applicant (501c, municipality, etc...) and the system receiving NBRC funds was an eligible entity.

00:43:46 Sarah Demers: Replying to "If an organization h..."

That's a good question, let's ask Adrienne that question during the Q&A session.

00:44:05 Jen Peters: Replying to "If an organization h..."

Thank you.

00:47:04 Sarah Demers: For more information about NBRC & NEPA guidance:
<https://www.nbrc.gov/content/NEPA>
00:47:40 Julie Hashem: Does the 3 year clock start ticking from the time a grantee receives the notice to proceed (so after the EA)? or is it from the date of award?
00:47:40 Sarah Demers: For more information about NBRC & BABAA guidance:
<https://www.nbrc.gov/content/BABAA>
00:48:49 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Does the 3 year cloc..."

With the addition of 2 calendar year funding rounds, we will be adjusting the start date of your 3 year period of performance - more details to come on that start date.

00:49:29 Sarah Lawrence: Adrienne and Sarah, this webinar is very helpful and well facilitated. Much appreciated.

00:49:48 Laura Shields-Haas: +1

00:49:56 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Adrienne and Sarah, ..." with

00:50:10 Melanie Spencer: If a pre-application is declined in the Spring round, can we resubmit in fall? If a full proposal is declined in Round 1, can we resubmit a pre-app in the Fall Round?

00:52:13 Sarah Demers: Replying to "If a pre-application..."

likely yes, assuming you have met all eligibility requirements. We would encourage you to be in contact with NBRC and you State Program Manager to determine how to improve your projects competitiveness.

00:52:49 Charlotte Mace: This is a good resource for fire stations: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

00:52:59 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "This is a good resou..." with

00:53:26 Melanie Spencer: Is it more advantageous to submit in the spring since there is a larger pool of potential funding available for that round?

00:53:40 Jay Kamm: If a project is funded and an EA is required, does the entity need to go out to RFP/RFQs for environmental consultants or can they use a firm that the entity is already working with?

00:54:13 Alex Miller: if your project was for outdoor recreation, would the facility receiving the funds need to be free and fully open to the public?

00:54:30 Annette Kraus: I'd like to clarify - do all matching funds need to be secured AFTER the notice to proceed is received? (Adrienne was responding to the question about a loan as match and I'm wondering about more generally. thanks

00:54:40 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is it more advantage..."

We don't anticipate one round being any more or less competitive.

00:55:32 Sarah Demers: Replying to "I'd like to clarify ..."

Matching funds need to be in hand at the time of requesting your Notice to Proceed and will need to be documented at that time.

00:56:42 Annette Kraus: Replying to "I'd like to clarify ..."

Thank you

00:57:01 Sarah Demers: Replying to "if your project was ..."

We don't have specific requirements re. cost to use, however we would expect the use of the property to be in alignment with the grantee's mission which we would expect would include public use.

00:57:07 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Thank you" with

00:59:35 Sarah Demers: Replying to "If a project is fund..."

Potentially yes. That will depend on how you plan to pay for your environmental work and when you have the work done. It is a strategic decision to consider dependent on a number of factors. If you would like more details, please ask during the next Q&A section.

01:01:50 Sara Randall: Is housing considered in the "basic public" category for Infrastructure funding?

01:03:32 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is housing considere..."

Please refer to the definitions in the Program Manual for comprehensive definitions. It can be found at the bottom of the Catalyst web page - link at the top of this chat.

01:04:01 Sara Randall: Replying to "Is housing considere..."

I did but didn't see "basic public" defined

01:04:12 Jim Siragusa: Will this chat transcript be included in the Zoom recording?

01:05:05 Sara Randall: Replying to "Is housing considere..."

Sorry, just found in !

01:06:15 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Sorry, just found in..." with

01:06:38 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Will this chat trans..."

Yes it will.

01:08:23 Jim Siragusa: Replying to "Will this chat trans..."

@Sarah Demers Thank you

01:08:28 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "@Sarah Demers Thank ..." with

01:08:34 Sara Randall: Is renovation of buildings considered construction?

01:10:04 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is renovation of bui..."

It depends on the extent of renovations, but usually yes.

01:11:23 Tenley Skolfield: Will pre-application users have access to see the entire online pre-app before sitting down to complete it? For example, to allow applicants to create a worksheet document to answer narrative questions and also to see what kinds of data needs to be gathered for the actual pre-application.

01:16:36 James Jutras: could you provide that correct economic development link in the chat?

01:17:48 Melanie Spencer: Is there an opportunity to include graphics or figures within the pre-application?

01:18:06 Charlotte Mace: <https://www.maine.gov/decd/strategic-plan>

01:19:28 Melanie Spencer: Are letters of support and/or collaboration allowable in the pre-app stage?

01:19:40 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is there an opportun..."

Our online GMS primarily allows for text responses at the pre-application stage. The application stage allows for uploading support documents which could include graphics, newsletters, reports, etc...

01:20:16 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Are letters of suppo..."

Again, that would be available at the application stage.

01:20:36 Alex Miller: Could a childcare facility be constructed in a for-profit building (renovating existing space on their property) if it was fully operated and managed by a non-profit childcare provider?

01:21:34 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Could a childcare fa..."

That's a good question, please ask Adrienne directly.

01:24:23 Melanie Spencer: If appears we lost audio?

01:24:49 Sara Randall: yes

01:26:14 Robert Lento: Is it wise to apply using a matching fund like CDBG funding when these funds will not be available to apply for until 2025 for our project

01:27:18 Melanie Spencer: Will webinar attendees receive an email when the pre app is ready to use?

01:27:38 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Is it wise to apply ..."

CDBG funds are eligible match, and do not count toward your 80% federal cap, so they can be a strategic funding source to consider. If you feel you are able to acquire other matching funds that will allow you to start your project sooner, you may want to consider those.

01:28:07 Lee Dassler: Replying to "Is it wise to apply ..."

thank you.

01:28:21 Margarita Contreni: Thank you!

01:30:15 Sarah Demers: Replying to "Will webinar attende..."

If you already receive periodic updates from NBRC, then yes. If you don't or aren't sure, please send an email to admin@nbc.gov and request to be added to our Constant Contact email list

01:30:16 Robert Lento: Thank you to my answer and for this meeting in a whole, very beneficial.

01:30:28 Sarah Demers: Reacted to "Thank you to my answ..." with

01:32:32 Ina Schonberg: How soon should we schedule meetings with Charlotte? I understand we should discuss LOI with local provider first.

01:32:37 Laura Shields-Haas: Super informative, thank you, all.

01:32:42 Melanie Spencer: Thank you everyone!

01:32:44 Kelsey Miller: Yes, thank you!

01:33:10 Jen Peters: Thank you!

01:33:12 Sarah Demers: Replying to "How soon should we s..."

@Charlotte Mace would be the best one to answer that question for you.

01:33:25 Tenley Skolfield: Thank you - super informative!