

00:17:02 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Welcome and thank you for joining us. All Catalyst Program materials can be found on our website at <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst>  
00:17:26 NBRC - Andrea Smith: If you have questions related to NBRC processes and forms, the Resources tab of our website is a great place to familiarize yourself with. <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/administration>  
00:23:01 David McBath: Can the same project be submitted for fall award preapplication consideration if it is not considered in the spring round??  
00:23:18 Craig Eckert: Monroe County is not included?  
00:23:52 Sarah Lang, NBRC: You can find the maps for distressed counties here: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/distressed-counties>  
00:24:29 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Monroe County is not..."

This county is not currently in our service area

00:26:58 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Can the same project..."

We would recommend that an eligible project not invited to apply in the Spring round to connect with their SPM to discuss their project to get feedback before resubmitting.

00:27:25 David McBath: Replying to "Can the same project..."

thank you

00:28:25 Sarah Lang, NBRC: You can find the manual here: <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst>

00:29:11 Malana Tamer-NBRC: FYI: Another great resource is the NBRC online map tool found here:

<https://plymouthstate.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=69e18311e53f46bc9223e8ef67ea37db>

00:32:40 Arianna Wendt: If you anticipate submitting a Waiver for not spending 75% to date, will this affect the new Project's Scoring/competitiveness for award?

00:33:57 Antonio Johnson: Can a local government sponsor an application and subsequently utilize funds toward a real estate development project with a for-profit developer?

00:35:16 Emily Honen: how is the service area determined?

00:35:27 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "If you anticipate su..."

Pre-applications are not scored. Because the program is over subscribed it may be taken into account in terms of inviting the project to apply as the State may want to see considerable movement on the first award before considering the project for additional funding.

00:36:34 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Can a local governme..."

If you are talking about a municipality expanding or installing infrastructure to support a real estate development project where the NBRC investment of funds is for the town-owned infrastructure that is eligible. For profits are not eligible for our funding nor can they be a pass through from an eligible entity.

00:36:34 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "how is the service a..."

It depends on the type of the project. If it is construction, its where the construction is physically taking place.

00:36:54 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "how is the service a..."

Congress sets NBRC's service area by statute

00:37:15 Edward Flynn: Wouldn't recreation (parks, etc.) fall into the infrastructure category?

00:37:28 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "how is the service a..."

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00:38:20 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Wouldn't recreation ..."

only if there in construction and aligns within one of the infrastructure definitions. The definitions can be found in the manual for the program, a link to which is provided above.

00:42:21 Stephanie Siciliano: Can you tell me where I can find the NBRC grant administration manual?

00:43:32 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Can you tell me wher..."

Under the grant admin heading on <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/administration>

00:45:39 Kathryn Zongrone: Will the recording or PPT from this webinar be available to attendees?

00:45:51 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Will the recording o..."

Yes, both will be available

00:45:57 Kathryn Zongrone: Reacted to "Yes, both will be av..." with

00:50:39 Antonio Johnson: Reacted to "If you are talking a..." with

00:51:51 Stephanie Siciliano: Are engineering costs for project preliminary and final design and right-of-way acquisition cost eligible for funding?

00:52:18 Helen Budrock: Can you clarify the 80% federal funding cap? Does that mean that no more than 80% of the total project cost can come from federal sources, including NBRC? If so, is Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation (BIL) funding administered by EFC's State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) considered "federal" funding?

00:53:20 Sarah Lang, NBRC: For more details about NEPA, please visit <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/NEPA>

00:54:42 Jon Ignatowski: Do federal tax credits apply to the cap?

00:55:07 Sarah Lang, NBRC: You can find more info about BABAA here <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/BABAA>

00:55:31 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Can you clarify the ..."

The 80% cap is a federal requirement of NBRC as a federal agency. The NBRC award, together with any other federal grant funding goes to the 80% federal cap.

00:55:39 Helen Budrock: Is there an equal amount of funding set aside for the Spring and Fall funding rounds? Or will the fall funding round be limited to whatever funds are "left over" after the Spring awards have been allocated?

00:56:52 Melissa McManus: Are earmark funds eligible for use as matching funds? Would they apply to the federal cap?

00:57:52 Karen Peters: Would state grants be eligible as a match?

00:59:30 Antonio Johnson: Can more than one project be applied for in a funding period?

01:02:15 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Would state grants b..."

Yes. For additional information please review our Compliance Manual for additional details on what is eligible for match/cost share for NBRC.

01:02:19 Jessica Kogut: Can the property be leased to a for-profit partner

01:02:24 Russ Myer: can an organization be a lead applicant and a supporting member

01:02:45 Russ Myer: supporting member of another application

01:03:08 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "can an organization ..."

one entity cannot be both an applicant and co-applicant. Both the applicant and co-applicant do need to be eligible entities. NBRC does not require co-applicants.

01:04:02 Kathryn Zongrone: Can you please share more info on the pre-application system? I was under the impression PIFs were to be submitted to your state rep..

01:04:49 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Can the property be ..."

For NBRC eligibility is about applicants and co-applicants for our funding as well as use of the money. If the NBRC funds are used to purchase real property it must remain in ownership of an eligible entity and NBRC will require a Notice of Federal interest for a period of 20 years to protect the federal interest. Provided an eligible entity retained ownership of the property it could be leased to a for-profit business.

01:05:10 Helen Budrock: Is submitting a project interest form to your State representative suggested prior to submitting a pre-application?

01:05:15 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Can you please share..."

The Project Interest Forms are not required and are NOT the pre-application. The PIF are a helpful way to organize details of your project to speak to the State Program Manager if you choose to get their guidance

01:06:48 Jessica Kogut: Can we submit a 75% waiver with our pre-app, and then if we can close out an existing grant after the pre-app deadline, then have that waiver "tossed out" if no longer needed? (if we don't think we can close out a grant by 3/15, but maybe shortly after)

01:07:25 NBRC - Andrea Smith: More details on the pre-application process will be covered in this session. The prior system we utilized as an initial phase was submission of a PDF to NBRC. It will now be done via our Grants Management System.

01:07:25 Helen Budrock: Do applications from the same county (but different applicants) directly compete against one another? Are there set asides by state or is all of the funding pooled together?

01:08:12 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Is submitting a proj..."

It does not impact scoring of preapplication for Projects who share a PIF to their State Program Manger. This is simply a good way to connect with your SPM if you have questions about your project

01:08:42 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Do applications from..."

Funding is split by state, not by county.

01:08:52 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Can we submit a 75% ..."

If your project requires a waiver it must be submitted with the pre-application and be approved for the project to be eligible to be considered for an invitation to apply. If you end up meeting the 75% requirement somewhere after the deadline that is fine but it doesn't negate the need for it if you are not 75% expended by the deadlines set for the Spring and Fall Rounds.

01:10:32 Robbin Bremer: Replying to "Do applications from..."

Is an application disqualified if population is greater than 5000?

01:10:38 Amy Catania: Our project to construction a handicap lift addition to our museum falls into the "basic public infrastructure" category — establishing a community center which facilitates and increases community connectedness. This is part of a larger museum expansion project that includes the design and fabrication of museum exhibits. Would it be advisable to include the exhibit cost as part of the match?

01:11:22 NBRC - Andrea Smith: No, an application is not disqualified if population is greater than 5,000

01:13:02 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Do applications from..."

No

01:14:05 Amy Catania: Reacted to "The project you are ..." with

01:14:18 NBRC - Andrea Smith: The project you are submitting to NBRC would cover the scope of what you are intending to complete with the NBRC award and required match/cost share. Costs previously expended or committed, even if related to the same project, are not eligible.

01:14:34 Justin Steinbach: character limits - use MS word first!

01:14:41 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Reacted to "character limits - u..." with

01:14:43 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Reacted to "character limits - u..." with

01:15:10 Antonio Johnson: Is the NBRC "scorecard" published?

01:15:22 B Henderson: Can NYS DRI funding be used as match?

01:16:35 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Replying to "Can NYS DRI funding ..."

what is the source of the funding for the program? Is it a program funded by NYS funds? Important to know the source of the money that allows the program to run to determine if it is state, local or a federal source.

01:17:12 B Henderson: I believe it is funded by NYS funds.

01:17:15 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Is the NBRC "scoreca..."

We'll be covering our priorities momentarily

01:17:45 NBRC - Andrea Smith: if it is funded by NYS funds those would be considered state match and yes, state funded program is eligible to be counted as match/cost share

01:17:47 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Is the NBRC "scoreca..."

You can also find them in the program user manual

01:18:24 Amy Catania: We have schematic design complete for construction and a high level budget based on that design. We do not yet have construction documents or a detailed cost estimate. Is this an allowable stage of project development to apply?

01:18:25 Emily Decatur: Will a PDF version of the pre-application requirements / questions be provided without logging into the portal?

01:18:44 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Scoring criteria for both NBRC and the State of NY are provided within the Catalyst Program user manual <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst>  
01:19:24 NBRC - Andrea Smith: NBRC is not longer utilizing the portal. Pre-application and application requirements will be added to the user manual  
01:19:41 Helen Budrock: How much funding is set aside for New York State in each funding round?  
01:20:13 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Projects that are for planning and design alone are eligible but often not as competitive as projects that will actually result in infrastructure improvements as a result of that design/planning.  
01:20:21 Emily Decatur: Reacted to "NBRC is not longer u..." with  
01:21:07 Emily Decatur: Replying to "NBRC is not longer u..."

Sorry if I missed this, but do you have a date when the pre-application will be posted to the user manual?

01:21:56 NBRC - Andrea Smith: The Spring Round is currently estimated at \$30MM/4 = \$7,500,000 per state and the Fall Round is currently estimated at \$20MM/4 = \$5MM. NBRC does not yet have its federal fiscal year budget so those amounts may go up. Whatever the amount is per round it is divided equally across the four states  
01:22:10 Amy Catania: Replying to "Projects that are fo..."

We would be applying for a grant to support the development of construction docs and the construction. Obviously, without the complete design we don't have a detailed cost estimate yet. Is this a allowable?

01:22:38 NBRC - Andrea Smith: We hope to be providing pre-application information in the User Manual in the next week or so  
01:22:47 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "NBRC is not longer u..."

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01:23:07 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "How much funding is ..."

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01:25:00 Helen Budrock: Just to clarify, a construction project involving the construction of a pedestrian bridge to connect two trail segments for outdoor recreation would be considered an "infrastructure" project?

01:26:41 Adrienne Harrison | NBRC: Yes, construction of a pedestrian bridge to connect trails would be considered infrastructure, under the expanded basic public infrastructure definition.

01:38:14 Kathryn Zongrone: Thank you! This has been SO helpful!

01:38:23 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Reacted to "Thank you! This has ..." with

01:38:29 Helen Budrock: Thank you very much!

01:38:39 Emily Decatur: Thank you!!

01:38:44 Karen Peters: what is Kyle'd contact info?

01:40:04 Malana Tamer-NBRC: Shout out to Adrienne and the team at NBRC for round 5 of this presentation and totally rocking it!

01:40:04 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Kyle's phone is (518) 473-3694 or by email at [kyle.wilber@dos.ny.gov](mailto:kyle.wilber@dos.ny.gov)

01:40:26 Kaleigh Flynn: Will partial awards be made or only full requests?

01:40:29 Amy Catania: Thank you!

01:40:33 Samantha Kerlin: Thank you!

01:40:35 Jessica DesLauriers: apologies if this was covered...is the registration process similar to previous years where the signatory has to register first and then the person writing the app?

01:40:50 NBRC - Andrea Smith: Partial awards could be made but not often

01:40:53 Sarah Lang, NBRC: Replying to "Will partial awards ..."

Sometimes reduced awards are made

01:40:57 Catherine Shackford: THank you!!@