



# BEA Lunch & Learn

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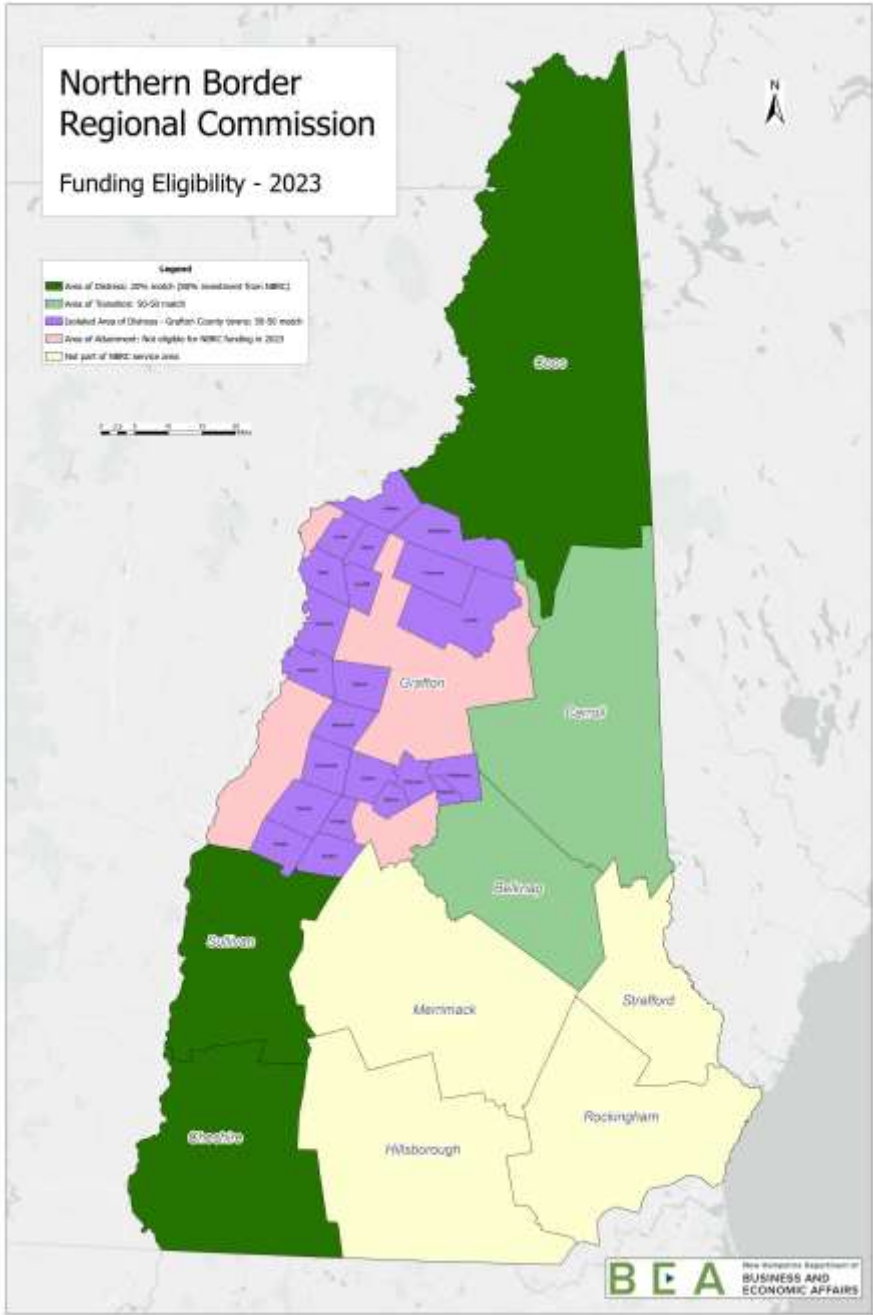
### General Overview of *Catalyst* Program

- Overview of Northern Border Regional Commission
- 2023 Catalyst Program Materials at [www.nbrc.gov](http://www.nbrc.gov)
- Municipalities and non-profits (501-c-anything) are eligible
- For 2023, Cheshire County is considered an Area of Distress
- 2023 awards = \$11M
- Infrastructure awards remain up to \$1 million (w/ potential for \$3M)
- Non-infrastructure awards up to \$500,000
- Expanded definitions of both *Infrastructure* & *Non-Infrastructure*

# Catalyst Details

- Visit [www.NBRC.gov](http://www.NBRC.gov) for new project eligibility guidance (pages 5-8 of Program Manual)
- Scoring System:
  - 50 points by NBRC staff based on their priorities
  - 50 points by BEA staff based on NH's State Priorities
  - Both are at [www.NBRC.gov](http://www.NBRC.gov) (pages 15-20 of Program Manual)
- Use SWRPC for Grant Management (2% of project budget)
- Three year completion period (September, 2026)

# Areas of Distress and Relationship to Funding



# Previous Awards in Cheshire County

## 2019:

- **Swanzey:** Reconstruct 0.95 miles of road, replace/construct 0.49 miles of sidewalk, and improve/construct 2,100 l.f. of closed drainage on South Winchester, West, and Swanzey Streets in West Swanzey village; Grant Amount: \$ 500,000 Total Project Amount: \$1,044,300
- **Southwest Region Planning Commission:** The Project will provide planning and technical assistance to municipalities, businesses, and other stakeholders to adopt policies and implement strategies that address economic development challenges, improving communities' capacity to attract and retain businesses, jobs and a skilled workforce. Grant Amount: \$ 75,000 Total Project Amount: \$150,000

## 2020:

- **Hannah Grimes Center.:** Funding will support a full-time position for three years to build on the success of an existing set of entrepreneurial programs at Hannah Grimes and the up-and-coming Radically Rural Summit to shape and share ideas and tools that will benefit the regional and rural communities throughout the country. Grant Amount: \$ 315,298 Total Project Amount: 742,441
- **Town of Jaffrey:** Construction of 4,370 linear feet of water main to interconnect three wells, construct a water treatment facility and water distribution system; construction of a paved access road. This project addresses the need to accommodate an expected growth of average day demands through 2040. Grant Amount: \$1,000,000 Total Project Amount: \$5,000,000

## 2022:

- **County of Cheshire:** Purchase and installation of radio system equipment and installation of repeater sites. This will allow equipment status monitoring, problem detection alerting, remote diagnostic capabilities and control, and uninterrupted backup power systems. This side area digital network radio system for first responders' primary use will have clear and seamless quality, widespread radio coverage, and continuity of communications and operations, enhanced securing and reduced environmental vulnerabilities at remote sites. Grant Amount: \$875,000 Total Project Amount: \$2,517,032

# Timeline (key dates)

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10-noon: NH NBRC Information Session
- April 6<sup>th</sup> noon-1:30: Cheshire County Information Session
- April 21<sup>st</sup> 5pm: Letter of Interest Due (required)
- First week of May: Responses to LOIs/Invitations to Applicants
- May 15<sup>th</sup>: Application Portal Opens
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm: Application Due
- By August 31st: Notification of Awards
- October or beyond: Notice to Proceed

# FREE Technical Assistance

Technical assistance is provided by coaches experienced with NBRC applications and tailored to improve your application.

Technical assistance includes:

**Application Preparation**

**Budgeting & Finances**

**Market Analysis & Research**

**Infrastructure Development**

**Visitor & Tourism Assessment**

**Downtown Strategies**

**Community Planning**

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**Thank you to our conveners!**



**Questions?**



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