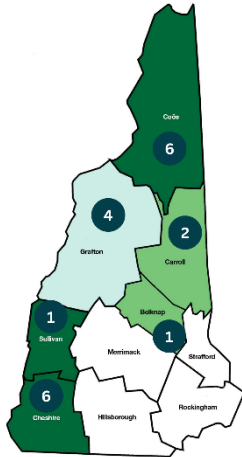




Northern Border Regional Commission

State of New Hampshire 2024 Catalyst Program Awards



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2024 Applicant Summary		
	Spring Round	Fall Round
Total Number of Applicants	15	18
Total Funds Requested	\$7,127,788.40	\$11,904,238.42
Total Number of Awards	7	13
Total Funds Awarded	\$4,101,776.00	\$8,715,057.52

2024 Spring Awards

Coos County

Spring Award to: Medallion Opera House, Inc.

Project: Comprehensive upgrade to its sound and lighting infrastructure and systems that expand the range of performances the theater can host increasing its appeal to larger bands and groups and fulfilling its mission of cultural enrichment.

Location of Project: Coos County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$105,067.00

Total Project Amount: \$183,094.00

Spring Award to: Affordable Housing, Education and Development (AHEAD) Inc.

Project: Rehabilitation of the interior and exterior of 12 King Square in Whitefield, a currently shuttered building. The rehabilitation will construct a new layout of the second and third stories creating four residential units and one commercial unit.

Location of Project: Coos County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$750,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,860,000.00

Spring Award to: The Berlin and Coos County Historical Society (BCCHS)

Project: Funding will support technological and archival upgrades, such as new display cases, invest in strategic planning for the organization, and address the restoration of two buildings which house the majority of BCCHS's collections, including the installation of an accessibility elevator to its Berlin Falls House's (main exhibit building) second floor and the critical replacement of its roof.

Location of Project: Coos County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$496,709.00

Total Project Amount: \$620,987.00

Cheshire County

Spring Award to: Antioch University

Project: Construction of a new 34,000 square foot, mass timber educational building and the rehabilitation of the historic Blake House. These new facilities will provide clinical mental health spaces as well as family and group counseling spaces which are widely utilized by residents of the greater Monadnock region.

Location of Project: Cheshire County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$36,500,000.00

Spring Award to: The Walpole Foundation

Project: Construction of a 6,510 square foot facility that will serve as the new home of the Walpole Village School, a private nonprofit offering early preschool and preschool education for children ages two to five years. The facility will have a community room to host intergenerational programming and programming sponsored by other local agencies, nonprofits, and community groups.

Location of Project: Cheshire County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$4,642,300.00

Spring Award to: Monadnock Conservancy

Project: Support staff expansion to increase the organization's conservation impact. These new positions will help the Conservancy continue to increase the pace of land protection, ensure adequate oversight and management of protected land, maintain and build trails, and other public access infrastructure, and expand community programs and partnerships.

Location of Project: Cheshire County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$954,368.00

Grafton County

Spring Award to: Town of Waterville Valley

Project: Selection of an engineering firm to conduct the requisite inspections of the system and perform engineering services to develop plans to correct deficiencies for construction of the repairs. This work will prepare the Town for and equip it to develop a budget and seek financial resources for improvements to its wastewater system to meet new EPA standards.

Location of Project: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$250,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$500,000.00

2024 Fall Awards

Belknap County

Fall Award to: Archways – Tilton

Project: Funding will be used to add a second floor to Archways' existing Tilton facility, doubling capacity on substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and two workforce pipelines for recovery coaching and family support specialists, two sectors with significant numbers of job

openings in the state.

Location of Project: Belknap County (CD-01)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,283,539.00

Carroll County

Fall Award to: Town of Wolfeboro

Project: Funds will be used to make necessary electrical grid upgrades to public infrastructure (Wolfeboro uses a municipally-owned utility), which will allow PSI Molded Plastics to add 4 new injection molding machines and 15-20 new jobs. PSI is contributing the local match for this project.

Location of Project: Carroll County (CD-01)

Grant Amount: \$117,749.82

Total Project Amount: \$218,190.82

Fall Award to: Mt. Washington Valley Trails Association

Project: Funding will assist in the construction of accessible trails linking Cranmore Mountain Resort to Intervale Scenic Overlook. This addition will complete a network of trails stretching from North Conway's downtown to the overlook, integrating many of the recreation and tourism assets of the town onto a single path.

Location of Project: Carroll County (CD-01)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$4,203,515.00

Cheshire County

Fall Award to: The Colonial Theatre – Keene

Project: Funding will be invested in an updated marketing research, development, and advertising campaign to reinvigorate this performing arts center and the surrounding area in Keene's downtown. Market research will be shared publicly to benefit other area businesses.

Project Location: Cheshire County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$476,309.00

Total Project Amount: \$601,309.00

Fall Award to: Winchester Economic Development Corporation

Project: Winchester EDC will use funds to start a revolving loan fund (RLF), with goals of starting new businesses, creating and retaining jobs, and improving the financial stability or expansion of businesses receiving loans. As part of this project, start-ups will receive technical assistance as well as access to loans.

Project Location: Cheshire County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$630,500.00

Fall Award to: YMCA Alliance of Northern New England

Project: Funding will be used to conduct a 4-county (Cheshire, Sullivan, Belknap, Carroll) childcare workforce recruitment campaign. In those 4 counties, only 12% of YMCA programs are fully staffed, while currently serving 24,000 children. This initiative is slated to produce a

50% increase to YMCA staffing in the affected counties.

Project Location: Cheshire, Sullivan, Belknap and Carroll Counties (CD-1 and CD-2)

Grant Amount: \$265,684.50

Total Project Amount: \$417,208.50

Coos County

Fall Award to: Whitefield's Official Library Friends

Project: Funding will fit up a recent addition to the library as a "Community & Rural Entrepreneurial Center". Upon completion, this center will feature hybrid space for large and small group meetings, a business center, a staffed information hub, kitchenette and water filling station, public bathrooms, Wi-Fi and computer access, and AC/heat. These improvements will assist the library in providing services to the surge of new library users they have seen since Covid (such as home-based and remote workers).

Location of Project: Coos County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$827,870.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,043,370.00

Fall Award to: Gorham Community Learning Center

Project: Funds will assist in the renovation of a bank building into a childcare center, doubling GCLC's capacity for childcare while adding 5 full time positions. This project will materially improve the critical childcare need in the North Country.

Location of Project: Coos County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,985,995.00

Fall Award to: Town of Whitefield

Project: Funding will assist in the replacement of an old clay water main that serves ~600 residents and most downtown businesses, including 4 medical/senior/assisted living facilities. Two breakages in the last year cut service for significant periods of time, making this repair necessary and critical to the economy of the town.

Project Location: Coos County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$250,000**

Total Project Amount: \$1,250,000.00

Grafton County

Fall Award to: Franconia Soaring Foundation

Project: Funding will complete work on the Soaring Foundation's training center at Franconia Airport. This training center will feature classroom space, four boarding rooms for seasonal workers and itinerant pilots. Upon completion the facility will be capable of hosting 24 people and flight simulators/ground support for gliders. These simulators are also intended to be used by local technical education centers.

Location of Project: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$499,988.20

Total Project Amount: \$849,988.20

Fall Award to: Families Flourish Northeast Inc

Project: Funding will assist in the construction of a 12-unit residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment facility for women with children, with post-treatment case management and employment readiness services. This facility is located on the border of the Dartmouth medical campus in Lebanon and will develop with support from the hospital. The facility itself will host 25-30 new jobs and integrate with the Geisel School of Medicine and other local educational institutions to offer preceptorships.

Location of Project: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Fall Award to: Mid-State Health Center

Project: Funds will assist in the renovation of two suites at Mid-State's Boulder Point facility near Plymouth. One new suite will feature family health services, to include family-friendly exam rooms, group education spaces, and family support services. An existing clinic space will be redesigned for team-based care and include upgrades to vaccine storage and lab capacity. This project will expand critically needed medical services in a rural area.

Project Location: Grafton County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$300,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$600,000.00

Sullivan County

Fall Award to: Cornish Community Initiative

Project: Funds will assist in the renovation of a donated building into a community resource hub, featuring meeting spaces with bathrooms, computers, a maker space, and space for after-school programming. They will partner with SCORE (entrepreneurship advising), an existing maker space, Sullivan County Conservation District, Work Ready NH, and other local organizations to support programming in the new space.

Location of Project: Sullivan County (CD-02)

Grant Amount: \$727,456.00

Total Project Amount: \$909,320.00