



Organizations from **ME** awarded NBRC funding:

Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: CITY OF AUGUSTA

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: The City of Augusta has been awarded \$80,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study for marina and docking infrastructure on the Kennebec River that prioritizes ADA access, safety, and community use. The study will deliver engineering, environmental, permitting, and cost-benefit analyses to inform a redevelopment that catalyzes downtown events, tourism, and workforce retention. A \$20,000 city match positions the initiative to proceed through RFP and bid within the program period.

Location of Project: Kennebec County

Grant Amount: \$80,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$100,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: BROOKSVILLE TOWN HOUSE

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Brooksville Town House has been awarded \$902,938.00 (with matching funds secured) to build the town's first all-tide public pier, landing, and boat ramp at Betsy's Cove in Buck's Harbor. The project will dredge a channel and basin to six feet at MLLW, construct a 16-foot-wide, 120-foot-long pier with ADA-accessible ramp and floats, install a hoist, and replace the deteriorating launch. With all permits issued and engineering underway, the infrastructure supports commercial fisheries, recreation, emergency response, and maritime workforce retention on a defined 2026–2028 schedule.

Location of Project: Hancock County

Grant Amount: \$902,938.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,805,877.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: Workforce Housing Coalition Western Maine Mountains

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Workforce Housing Coalition Western Maine Mountains has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to construct essential public sewer and roadway infrastructure enabling approximately 50 workforce housing units in Carrabassett Valley. The scope includes installation of sewer mains, treatment components, and a town-spec roadway, with operations transitioned to the Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District upon completion. By unlocking year-round housing for 75–100 workers, the project strengthens labor force stability and advances regional competitiveness.

Location of Project: Franklin County;

Franklin County

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,919,650.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: TREE STREET YOUTH

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Tree Street Youth has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to construct the 7,500-square-foot Canopy Center in Lewiston, offering affordable childcare, community meeting space, and youth workforce training. The project will create 120 new childcare slots and deliver career exploration for up to 100 youth, building on secured Congressionally Directed Spending and active fundraising. Construction is scheduled for July 2026–July 2027, positioning the center as a neighborhood anchor that expands economic mobility for working families.

Location of Project: Androscoggin County

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,097,755.49

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Program: Timber for Transit Program Spring 2026

Organization: City of Rockland

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: The City of Rockland has been awarded \$4,000,000.00 to rebuild the Public Landing pier and redesign the harbormaster building as a storm-resilient demonstration of advanced, regionally sourced wood products in marine transportation infrastructure. This critical multimodal hub serves 600 mooring holders, hundreds of transients, cruise passengers, island communities, and major festivals that drive significant regional spending, yet current structures are vulnerable to sea-level rise and flooding. With engineering and key permits in hand, the project's flexible resilience design will elevate the deck and showcase timber solutions recognized as a high-priority regional investment.

Location of Project: Knox County

Grant Amount: \$4,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$5,540,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: CITY OF CALAIS

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: The City of Calais has been awarded \$590,580.00 to rebuild and extend the Calais Waterfront Walkway, connecting downtown to the Canadian border crossing and regional trail networks. The project adds wayfinding, interpretive art, ADA-accessible picnic tables, a bike repair station, and a new staircase, while replacing a failing retaining wall adapted for public art. By strengthening cross-border recreation, the walkway promotes economic development, public health, and a long-standing community vision for a riverfront gathering space.

Location of Project: Washington County

Grant Amount: \$590,580.00

Total Project Amount: \$738,580.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: Spruce Mountain Educational Fund

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Spruce Mountain Educational Fund has been awarded \$368,000.00 to implement outdoor recreation infrastructure upgrades at the municipally owned ski area in Jay, ME. Objectives include installing a sprinkler system to open the lodge's second floor, enhancing compressed air capacity for efficient snowmaking, and modernizing three rope-tow lift lines to improve reliability and safety. The project expands four-season operations, increases early-season terrain, promotes health and wellness, and sustains affordable access for underserved youth.

Location of Project: Franklin County

Grant Amount: \$368,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$460,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: ASHLAND WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Ashland Water & Sewer District has been awarded \$680,000.00 to replace an approximately 1,000-foot essential water main that crosses the Aroostook River and serves 90% of the customer base. Objectives include installing a directional-drilled subsurface segment under the riverbed, upgrading valves, and completing open-trench installation for remaining sections to reduce wear, improve reliability, and enhance fire protection. With geotechnical analysis complete and construction targeted for late 2026, the project addresses a critical system vulnerability and strengthens service resilience for residents and businesses.

Location of Project: Aroostook County

Grant Amount: \$680,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$926,550.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: TOWN OF VINALHAVEN

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: The Town of Vinalhaven has been awarded \$46,500.00 to conduct a Municipal Property Feasibility & Optimization Assessment of up to six Town-owned parcels, including the centrally located Net Factory site. Deliverables include site studies, conceptual layouts, order-of-magnitude cost estimates, and an evaluation framework to compare uses such as community meeting infrastructure, public parking, workforce housing, and downtown-supportive assets. This 12-month effort builds on prior planning and NBRC investments to position shovel-ready public infrastructure that strengthens year-round economic vitality.

Location of Project: Knox County

Grant Amount: \$46,500.00

Total Project Amount: \$93,000.00

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Program: Forest Economy Program Spring 2026

Organization: Southern Aroostook Development Corporation

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Southern Aroostook Development Corporation has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to develop a modern forest-products manufacturing facility in the Houlton Industrial Park and lease it long-term to Kearney Pallet. Consolidating operations in a centralized, efficient plant will increase material utilization, expand processing of low-grade lumber and harvest residuals, and reduce reliance on imported Canadian inputs by sourcing more Maine-harvested timber. The project improves energy and logistics costs, targets a roughly 45% production increase, retains existing jobs, creates new positions, and reinforces wood-packaging supply chains serving Maine agriculture.

Location of Project: Aroostook County

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$1,800,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: CENTRAL MAINE GROWTH COUNCIL

Congressional District: 1

Project Summary: Central Maine Growth Council has been awarded \$485,000.00 to scale its hub-and-spoke commercialization engine, incubating 83 high-growth enterprises and creating 57 jobs across Kennebec and Somerset Counties. The program delivers weekly-sprint cohorts, embedded mentorship, advanced financial modeling, and rapid-prototyping infrastructure, with a 33.63% non-federal match already secured. Over a 39-month timeline, projected outcomes include \$14.4 million in investment and \$11.3 million in sales, anchored at the Bricks Coworking & Innovation Space.

Location of Project: Kennebec County

Grant Amount: \$485,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$744,395.05

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: IBEW AUGUSTA ELECTRICAL JATC

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Augusta Electrical JATC has been awarded \$497,560.70 to upgrade industry-standard lab equipment, modernize training rooms, and reduce cost barriers for first-year apprentices across rural Maine. The program enhances hands-on training for 90–130 apprentices annually, improves safety, and supports an earn-while-you-learn pathway to middle-class electrical careers. Strengthening instructional capacity aligns training with today's jobsites and increases retention for partner contractors.

Location of Project: Penobscot County

Grant Amount: \$497,560.70

Total Project Amount: \$626,030.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: TOWN OF ALBION

Congressional District: 1

Project Summary: The Town of Albion has been awarded \$100,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study to redevelop the former 24,644-square-foot elementary school into the Albion Community & Enterprise Center serving seven rural towns. The assessment will evaluate rehabilitation for flexible civic space, childcare and workforce training, remote work areas, microenterprise and shared offices, health supports, emergency shelter, and an existing commercial kitchen for food-based startups. By preparing development-ready designs and cost projections, the project advances rural workforce participation, small business growth, and long-term economic resilience.

Location of Project: Kennebec County

Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$125,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: Old Town Water District

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Old Town Water District has been awarded \$520,000.00 to construct approximately 11,563 linear feet of 12-inch HDPE transmission main to improve water service for Old Town and the University of Maine. The project is backed by \$3.56 million in Congressionally Directed Spending and completed engineering and permitting milestones, including NRPA authorization. Upgraded infrastructure will support fire protection, future development, and long-term system reliability.

Location of Project: Penobscot County

Grant Amount: \$520,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$5,100,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc.

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc. has been awarded \$360,210.96 to launch Aroostook Rising, a two-year talent attraction and retention initiative addressing population decline and workforce shortages across the county. The program combines targeted marketing with concierge-style integration—housing, childcare, and civic engagement—to stabilize the labor force and expand the tax base. Coordinated employer partnerships and newcomer supports aim to deliver high retention and long-term economic impact.

Location of Project: Aroostook County

Grant Amount: \$360,210.96

Total Project Amount: \$550,210.96

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Program: Timber for Transit Program Spring 2026

Organization: MAIN STREET SKOWHEGAN

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: Main Street Skowhegan has been awarded \$2,500,000.00 to build Phase 2 of a timber-decked riverfront promenade that connects downtown businesses and neighborhoods to the Kennebec River and the Skowhegan River Park. The project will demonstrate advanced, domestically sourced wood materials in a high-traffic pedestrian environment while expanding access to whitewater viewing areas and regional trail networks. Together with Phase 1 now underway, the promenade and whitewater park are designed to catalyze sustainable rural vitality, draw responsible tourism and national competitions, and support local jobs and wages tied to outdoor recreation.

Location of Project: Somerset County

Grant Amount: \$2,500,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$3,125,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY, MAINE DEPARTMENT OF

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to construct a multi-use pedestrian and snowmobile bridge over the Sandy River, extending the 14-mile Whistle Stop Trail directly into downtown Farmington. The project's primary purpose is to improve safe, non-vehicular connectivity to employment centers, health services, education, and tourism assets, yielding documented annual economic impacts in jobs, wages, and tax revenue. With the majority of funding committed and construction planned for 2027–2028, the bridge advances outdoor recreation, workforce mobility, and regional resilience.

Location of Project: Franklin County

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$4,222,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: Matinicus Isle Plantation

Congressional District: 1

Project Summary: Matinicus Isle Plantation has been awarded \$70,400.00 to acquire approximately three acres comprising the island's only airstrip and associated easements, preserving a critical transportation lifeline for a remote, unbridged community. Funding covers land purchase, legal, and survey costs, with completion expected in 60–120 days of award. Securing long-term site control protects emergency access, mail and supply delivery, and resident travel essential to island sustainability.

Location of Project: Knox County

Grant Amount: \$70,400.00

Total Project Amount: \$88,000.00

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Program: Catalyst Program Spring 2026

Organization: TOWN OF LIVERMORE FALLS

Congressional District: 2

Project Summary: The Town of Livermore Falls has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 to rehabilitate 1.1 miles of failing sanitary sewer along Route 17, supporting downtown businesses, medical offices, municipal facilities, and multifamily housing. Objectives encompass relining mains, replacing 88 service connections, repairing deteriorated manholes, eliminating inflow, and coordinating with MaineDOT's roadway and drainage upgrades to avoid duplicate disruption and costs. With CWSRF financing secured and unanimous local approval, the project reduces failures and combined sewer overflows, stabilizes rates in a high-poverty area, and supports economic revitalization.

Location of Project: Androscoggin County

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Amount: \$2,351,000.00

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