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 THRIVING
 COMMUNITY
 MODEL

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

REVITALIZING MAINE'S BIOMASS COMMUNITIES

SELECTED COMMUNITIES WILL RECEIVE:

- COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT REPORT
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION SUPPORT
- LOCAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- \$50,000 TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY PROJECT



KEY DATES

- ✓ **OCTOBER 27, 2026**
INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR
- ✓ **NOVEMBER 13, 2026**
LETTER OF INTEREST DUE
- ✓ **DECEMBER 30, 2026**
APPLICATION BY INVITATION DUE

ELIGIBILITY :

- The 13 NBRC eligible distressed counties have been directly impacted by biomass mill closures, with surrounding supply chain regions experiencing the ripple effects. Eligible counties include:
 - Androscoggin
 - Aroostook
 - Franklin
 - Hancock
 - Kennebec
 - Knox
 - Lincoln
 - Oxford
 - Penobscot
 - Piscataquis
 - Somerset
 - Waldo
 - Washington
- **A biomass supply chain is** the network of communities, businesses, landowners, transportation providers, processing facilities, and end users involved in the sourcing, collection, aggregation, transportation, processing, conversion, and utilization of biomass feedstocks. The supply chain encompasses all geographic areas that contribute labor, feedstock resources, infrastructure, economic activity, and environmental services necessary to produce biomass-derived products and energy.
- Municipalities with populations under 5,000 and those who have never benefited from NBRC funding will be prioritized.

NEXT STEPS?

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ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

In an 18-24 month process, this program will support selected biomass and supply chain communities through revitalization to promote long term economic development and ensure sustainability. The program helps affected towns diversify their economy using a holistic, place-based approach to achieve economic revitalization, recovery, and resilience goals.