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### **NCIC Offers Cost Share to Small Businesses in Northern New Hampshire**

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT — Northern Community Investment Corporation has funds available from the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority.

“The purpose of these projects is to provide funding for technical assistance to microbusinesses in the North Country of New Hampshire,” said Mike Welch, NCIC Senior Project Manager. “These funds are for use within Carroll, Coos and Grafton Counties.”

Many businesses would benefit from technical assistance and professional consulting services but they cannot afford it on their own. NCIC can help these projects come to fruition. Examples of technical assistance include; business coaching, energy efficiency audits/design, education and training, marketing and sales strategies, engineering and architectural reports, permitting assistance, finance and accounting and website development.

Small businesses (5 or fewer full time equivalent employees) are encouraged to apply. Please contact NCIC for more information and application materials. All applicants should clearly state how the grant funds will enable the business to improve, grow or expand. Eligible businesses may have project costs covered 100% by NCIC, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

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