USEPA Brownfield Program

What are Brownfields and Are You Ready to Take Them On?
What are Brownfields?

“…real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”

- Blighted, abandoned, derelict property
- Contaminated property
- Property that everyone believes is contaminated
- Fear of environmental liability
What Else are Brownfields?

- A Diamond in the Rough:
  - An economic engine
  - A jobs magnet
  - A new community gateway
  - A public gathering spot
EPA’s Investment in Brownfield Grants

• Since 1995, EPA has awarded 3,154 Brownfields grants totaling more than $920.6M. This has helped:
  • Assess more than 24,348 properties.
  • Leverage more than $23.3 billion in brownfields cleanup and redevelopment funding from the private and public sectors.
  • Generate more than 109,787 jobs.
  • Make more than 55,762 acres ready for reuse.
  • $1 in Brownfields Grants leverages $18 in private investment (current data)
  • Can increase property values 5 -13% near Brownfield sites when cleanup is complete.
What can be addressed?

- Hazardous Substances
- Petroleum Contamination
- Asbestos & Lead Based Paint are eligible
- Controlled Substances (e.g., Meth labs)
- Mine-Scarred Lands
- Other environmental contaminants
Brownfield Grant Types (2-5 years duration)

1. Assessment ($400k max or $5-600k for coalitions)
2. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) ($1M)
3. Cleanup ($200k per parcel)
4. Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training ($200k)
5. Area-Wide Planning ($200k)

6. Also Available:
   a. Targeted Brownfields Assessments (not a grant)
   b. Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)
   c. ADEM’s RLF and 128(a) grant
Who can apply?

- **Local Governments**
- Land Clearance Authorities/Quasi-Governmental Entities Under Local Governmental Control
- State Legislated Government Entities
- **Regional Councils of Government or Group of Local Governments**
- Redevelopment Agency (State Chartered/Sanctioned)
- States
- Tribes
- **Nonprofits (Cleanup, Area-wide Planning & Job Training)**
1. Assessment Grant Program

To inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to Brownfield sites.

- Community-wide
- Site-specific (single site)
- Assessment Coalition Grants
Assessment Applicant Options

An applicant applying for an assessment grant can do the following combinations:
- up to 3 grant proposals (2 community-wide not to exceed $400k and 1 site-specific not to exceed $350k) OR
- 1 grant as part of a coalition not to exceed $500K if not applying for individual assessment funds

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| Up to $200,000 for hazardous substances and $200,000 for petroleum addressing the same community. | Up to $200,000 for petroleum or hazardous substances (comingled) | Up to $600,000 per coalition.  
Coalition Members can NOT apply for individual assessment funding. |
| May request a waiver for up to $350,000 | Maximum Amount $350,000                           | Maximum Amount $600,000            |
| Maximum Combined Amount $400,000    | Maximum Amount $350,000                           |                                   |
2. Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program

To make low interest loans to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields properties

- Up to $1M per eligible entity
- Coalitions may apply
- (Minimum) 50% loans
- (Maximum) 50%-cleanup subgrants (may request a waiver post-award)
- Cost share requirement of 20%
- Nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply (they may be a sub-grantee)
3. Cleanup Grant Program

To carry out cleanup activities at Brownfield sites

- Up to $200K per property
- **Must own site at time of application**
- Hazardous substances or petroleum contamination
- May apply for up to 3 properties: Separate proposals for each property
- Non-profits may apply
- Cost share requirement of 20% *(May request a hardship waiver)*
- Phase II and analysis of cleanup alternatives must be completed
4. Area-Wide Planning

- Create area-wide strategies for assessment, cleanup and reuse
- Facilitate cleanup of Brownfield properties
- Identify potential future uses of Brownfield properties
- Identify next steps and resources to implement plan
- $200,000
- 2 years
5. Job Training Program

- To provide full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of environmental cleanup
- Targets unemployed and underemployed individuals
- 3 Year Grants
- $200,000
6a. Targeted Brownfields Assessments

EPA performs work using contractor resources

- Phase I ESA
- Phase II ESA
- Cleanup options and cost estimates
- Requester must secure site access
Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)
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www.CCLR.org

Also, on-line grant writing tool available:
Kansas State University (KSU) (Online Tabez tool)
https://www.ksutab.org/tools/tabez/learnmore
6b. Support Tools: CDFA and GroundworksUSA

• Council of Development Finance Agencies: provides education, resources, research and networking on financing tools available for redevelopment finance.


• GroundworksUSA: designed to help communities integrate environmental justice and equitable development best practices into their brownfields redevelopment planning.
EPA Region IV Grant Applications

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**Funding Received**
- Fiscal Year 2015: $7,974,000
- Fiscal Year 2014: $10,649,999
- Fiscal Year 2013: $13,200,000
Region 4 Brownfields
Grants Awarded in 2015

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R4 Total Awarded Amount = $8,758,600
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- Additional Training
- Revolving Loan Funds
- Job Training
- Targeted Brownfields Assessments

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Near-term Learning Opportunity

Financing Training:  [www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net) (Council of Dev. Finance Agencies)

2nd Southeast Brownfields Conference
October 16-19, 2016   Jacksonville, FL
[www.floridabrownfields.org](http://www.floridabrownfields.org)

[www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

or, internet search “State name + brownfields” for State Meetings near you!