

U.S. EPA Brownfields Grants An Overview

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Types of Federal Brownfields Grants

- Assessment
- Clean Up
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Area Wide Planning Grants
- Targeted BF Assessment Grants
- Job Training

Who's Eligible to Receive BF Grant Funds?

- ◆ Tribes, Governmental, and Quasi-Governmental Agencies
- ◆ Sometimes Non-Profits
 - ◆ Only eligible for clean up grants

Assessment Grants

- How Much Money?
 - ◆ Single applicant
 - ◆ Up to \$200K
 - ◆ Waiver up to \$350,000 for site specific grant

 - ◆ Coalition of 3 or more applicants
 - ◆ Up to \$600K
 - ◆ Only community wide

Assessment Grants (cont)

- Phase I, Phase II, Remedial Action Planning
 - ◆ Grantee can do assessments for private entities
 - ◆ Example – City pays for Phase I and/or Phase II on property so potential purchaser can obtain financing
- 3 Year Project Period
- Petroleum or Hazardous Substance

Assessment Grants (cont.)

- Community Wide or Site Specific
 - ◆ Community Wide offers more flexibility
 - ◆ Private developer can ask public entity to get an assessment grant to be used on their site.
 - ◆
 - ◆ Up to \$350K for site specific grant
- No Cost Share Requirement
- Grantee Does Not Have to Own Site

Clean Up Grants

- Up to \$200,000
- Petroleum or Hazardous Substance
 - ◆ or combination
- 3 year Project Period
- Limited Sampling, Remedial Action Planning, Clean Up

Clean Up Grants (cont.)

- Only Site Specific
- 20% Cost Share Requirement
 - ◆ Cost share can come from private entity
- Grantee Must Own Site
 - ◆ Okay to flip title to the public entity for clean up then back to private entity
- Tribes, Governmental and Quasi-Governmental Agencies, *and* Non-Profits are Eligible Applicants

Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- Up to \$1M per Eligible Entity
 - ◆ Can Form Coalitions of 2 or more eligible entities
 - ◆ 2 coalition members - \$2M can be requested
- Petroleum and Hazardous Substance in one Grant Application – Separate Budget
- Can give out loans or subgrants
 - ◆ 50% of funding must go to loans
- Loans can go to private entities
 - ◆ RLF grantee determines terms of loans

Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- Loans can be given to private or Gov't entities
- Subgrants can only go to governmental, quasi-governmental or non-profits
- 20% Cost share
 - ◆ Can be passed on to the loan recipient
- Performance Period – 5 years
 - ◆ Loan periods can be longer as determined by the grantee

Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- Current RLF Grantees are eligible for supplemental funding
- No RLF competition in FY15 – only supplemental funding

Area Wide Planning Grants

- HUD-EPA-DOT Partnership
- Purpose – Promote Livability Principles
- Planning Only – not Implementation
- Up to \$175K - 2 year project period

Area Wide Planning Grants

- Guidelines published late June/early July
- http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm

Partnership for Sustainable Communities HUD, EPA, DOT

■ Livability Principles

- ◆ 1. Provide Transportation Choices
- ◆ 2. Equitable Affordable Housing
- ◆ 3. Increase Economic Competitiveness
- ◆ 4. Support Existing Communities
- ◆ 5. Leverage other Fed Investment
- ◆ 6. Value Communities & neighborhoods

Other Factors

- Priority to fund non-urban communities of < 10,000 people
- Focus on Livability Principles created by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Targeted BF Assessments (TBA)

- EPA uses our contractor to conduct assessments (Phase I or II), and RAPs
- Phase II work – typically \$20 – \$60K, but no real set limit
- Gov't, quasi-gov't entities eligible
- Brad Stimple (440) 250-1717

Funding Trends for Competitive Grants (Millions)



How/When to Apply

- Guidelines usually released late Fall,
- www.epa.gov/brownfields
 - ◆ Hit Grants and Funding
- Will have 6-8 weeks to complete application

Awards

- Award Announcements usually late Spring
- Cooperative Agreements Signed (actually get money) by Oct 1, 2014

Additional Information

- Additional Information available at www.epa.gov/brownfields
 - ◆ Federal Register Notice
 - ◆ Fact sheets
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