



U.S. EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANTS AN OVERVIEW

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- 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



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- More Info:
 - <http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov>

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.
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 - 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
- If interested – Call me (440)250-1741

AREA WIDE PLANNING GRANTS

- Guidelines were published July 2014
- Applications Due Sept. 22, 2014
- http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm

AREA WIDE PLANNING GRANTS

- Purpose – Promote Livability Principles
- Planning Only – not Implementation
 - Focus on corridor, neighborhood
- 20 Awards, Up to \$200K - 2 year project period

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

HOW/WHEN TO APPLY

- Guidelines usually released late Fall,
 - Goal Oct 1, 2014
- www.epa.gov/brownfields
 - Hit “Grants and Funding”
- 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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