

EPA Region 7 Brownfields Funding & Technical Assistance



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US EPA Region 7 Brownfields & Land Revitalization Programs

Overview

- Brownfields Overview
- Brownfield Competitive Grant Process
- Grant Proposal Preparation Tips
- Other EPA Assistance



Brownfields Mission

- EPA's Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to inventory, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields
- The Program provides financial and technical assistance for brownfield revitalization, including grants for:
 - Environmental Site Assessments
 - Site Cleanups
 - Job Training



Brownfields Definition

“... real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.”



“Hazardous Substances, Pollutants, and Contaminants”

- Hazardous substances
- Petroleum contamination
- Asbestos & lead paint are eligible
- Controlled substances (e.g., meth labs)
- Mine-scarred lands
- Other environmental contaminants



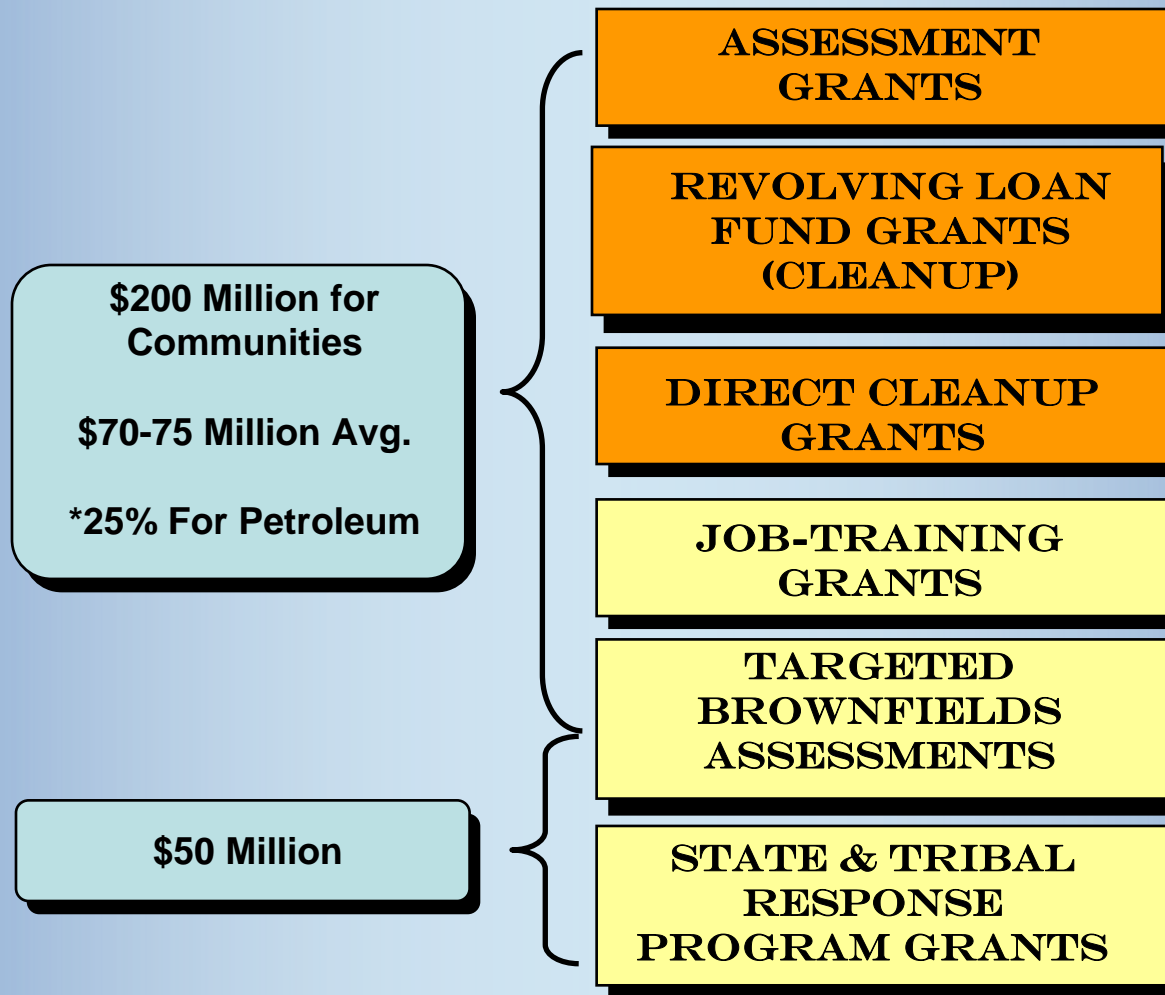
Benefits of Brownfields Revitalization

- Increases local tax base
- Facilitates new job growth
- Utilizes existing infrastructure
- Takes development pressure off undeveloped land
- Prevents sprawl
- Supports cleaner air
- Reduces habitat destruction



The revitalized Lewis and Clark Riverfront Landing in Atchison, Kansas

Annual EPA Brownfields Funding (national level)



Brownfields Cooperative Agreements

- Cooperative agreement types are commonly referred to as **ARC** Grants
 - Assessment
 - Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)
 - Cleanup
- ARC grants are also often referred to as:
 - Section 104(k) grants
 - Competitive brownfields grants



FY2008 Competition Region 7 Results \$4,930,360

- Nationally, EPA received over 845 proposals for funding in FY08
- Funded 314 grants nationally (\$74 million)
 - 194 assessment grants
 - 108 cleanup grants
 - 12 RLF grants
- Region 7 (IA, MO, KS, NE & 9 tribal nations)
 - 49 proposals received
 - 26 selected for award



FY2009 Proposal Process

- ARC Request for Proposals (August 22, 2008)
- Proposal submission deadline – **November 14, 2008**
- Threshold Criteria (pass/fail) reviewed by applicant's Region
- National Panels Evaluate and Score Proposals
- National Selection Official makes final selections
- Spring 2009 – \$70-75 million awarded nationwide



BROWNFIELDS COMPETITIVE GRANTS – Summary

Type/How Many	Who	Funding	Activities
Assessment (Community-wide or Site-specific) (Max. 2 CW – 1 HS and 1 Pet./year or 1 bundled same target area/community) (Max. 1/Entity)	States, Tribes, Local Governments, Land Clearance Authorities, Regional Councils, Redevelopment Agencies & Other Quasi – Governmental Entities Coalitions (FY09)	\$200,000 for contaminated property & \$200,000 for petroleum sites (Up to \$350,000/ Site with Waiver) \$1,000,000	Inventory, Assess (ASTM Phase I & II standards), & Conduct Planning Same as above
Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) (Max. 1/Entity)	Same as Above + <i>Coalitions may apply</i>	\$1,000,000/ Eligible Entity, 20% Cost Share	Capitalize Loans and Subgrants for Cleanup
Direct Cleanup (Max. 3 HS or Pet./year)	Same as Above + <i>Non-Profits</i>	\$200,000/ property, up to 3 properties per year; 20% Cost Share	Cleanup grant recipient <u>must own property</u>
Job Training (Max. 1/year)	Same as Above + Eligible Non-Profits, Universities & job training organizations	\$200,000	Environmental Training



Assessment Grant Program

- To inventory, assess, characterize, and conduct cleanup planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites.
- Assessment Proposal Types:
 - Site-specific (single property)
 - Community-wide – individual applicant
 - Community-wide Assessment Coalition





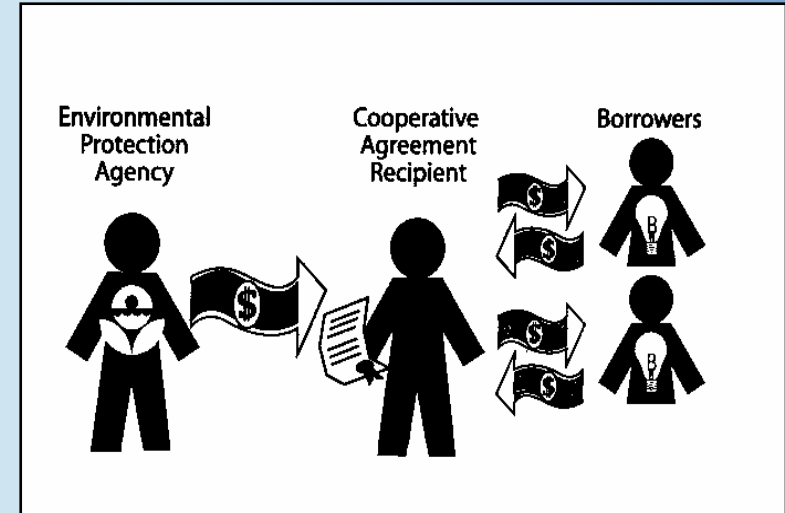
Assessment Community-wide Coalitions

- Up to \$1 million for hazardous substance and/or petroleum
 - mix and match – any combination up to \$1 million
- Requires 3 or more eligible entities.
- Must assess a minimum of 5 sites.



Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant Program

- To make low interest loans and sub-grants to carryout cleanup activities at brownfields properties
- Up to \$1M per eligible entity
- Coalitions may apply (two or more eligible entities)
- (Minimum) 60% loans
- (Maximum) 40%-cleanup sub-grants
- 20% cost share requirement
- Nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply



Cleanup Grant Program

- To carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites
- Non-profits may apply
- Up to \$200K per property
- Hazardous substances or petroleum contamination
- 20% cost share requirement



Good Proposal Planning & Preparation Tips

“Starting well is half the job!” (Korean Proverb)

- Identify Specific-Target Areas/Communities
- Identify Key Partners early for assistance in preparing and reviewing proposal and letters of support
- Engage the Community (community-based organizations)
- Write as though the reader knows nothing about your community and paint a picture with words.
- You are telling a story that tracks with the criteria
 1. Community Need
 2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success
 3. Community Engagement and Partnerships
 4. Project Benefits (Protection of Human Health & Environment, Sustainability, Results)



Additional Brownfields Resources

- Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Program
Non-grant program that provides direct EPA assessment assistance
- Technical Assistance to Brownfields
<http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/outreach/tab>
- Grant writing tools for EPA Brownfields grant proposals.
<http://www.tabez.org>
- SmartE - Sustainable Management Approaches & Revitalization Tools www.smarte.org

