

# **EPA's Brownfields Grant Application Process**



**U.S. EPA Region 4**

# Overview

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- **Applicant Eligibility**
- **Application Requirements**
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# Overall Program Emphasis

- **Human health and the environment**
- **Redevelopment and jobs**
- **Open Space and Parks**
- **Rural and Urban**
- **Local community involvement**
- **Environmental Justice**



# Brownfield Grants

- Assessment up to \$200,000 (site-specific up to \$350,000 with waiver)
  - 3 Year Project Period
- Cleanup up to \$200,000 per site
  - 3 Year Project Period
- Job Training up to \$200,000
  - 2 Year Project Period
- Revolving Loan Funds up to \$1 million
  - 5 Year Project Period
- Approximately \$72 million available for 200 grants

# What Contaminants May Be Assessed and Cleaned Up?

- ✓ **Hazardous Substances**
- ✓ **Contaminants**
- ✓ **Pollutants**
- ✓ **Controlled Substances**
- ✓ **Mine-Scarred Lands**
- ✓ **Petroleum Products**



# Who Is Eligible to 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**
- ✓ **Nonprofit Organizations (Cleanup Only)**



# Eligibility Requirements

## ■ Cleanup Grants

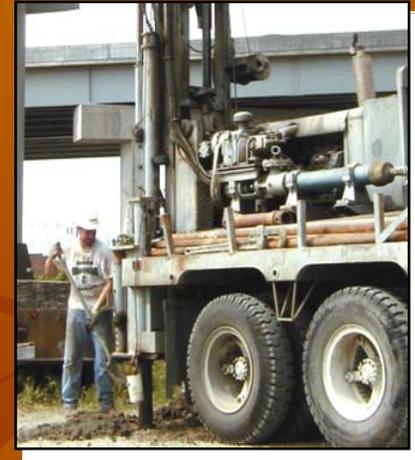
- Must be sole owner & own property by date certain – this grant cycle – date is **JUNE 30, 2006** (“own” = Fee Simple Title)
- Phase I completed & Phase II underway

## ■ Cleanup & RLF Grants

- Must have a **20% Cost Share**

# Assessment Grants

- **Applicant Limitations**
  - **Limited to a total of \$400,000**
    - \$200,000 for hazardous substances
    - \$200,000 for petroleum
    - Up to \$350,000 may be requested for a site-specific waiver
  - **Site-specific or Community-wide**



# Cleanup Grants

- Applicant can apply for up to five sites - \$200,000 each
- Separate proposal for each site
- Applicant must be sole owner & own property no later than 6/30/05 or not eligible for funding
- ASTM Phase I Report completed & minimum of Phase II Assessment underway or complete
- 20% cost share

# Revolving Loan Fund Grants

Up to \$1,000,000

- **Certain Federal Cleanup Requirements Apply to All Cleanup Activities**
  - (e.g. Community Notice)
- **20% Cost Share**
  - Money, labor, material or services
  - Eligible and allowable costs
- **Coalitions may apply**

# Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- **Up to 40% of RLF Funds May Be Used for Direct Cleanup**
  - **Subgrants to Eligible Entities and Nonprofits**
  - **Subgrantee must own the property**
- **60% must be used for loans**
  - **Applicant can loan to itself**

# Eligible Borrowers for RLF

- **A Site Owner**
- **Site Developer**
- **Nonprofit Organization**

# **Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup Grants**

- **Found on our website:**

**<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>**

- **All details provided for potential applicants**
- **So if you want the money.....**

# Early Considerations for your Proposal

- **Requires Big Picture Thinking**
  - Can you describe a Vision for long term?
  - What happens after the assessment?
  - Do you have other resources for the other steps?
- **Very competitive**
- **Winning proposals require time and thought**

# Leveraging Criteria – Some Examples

- **Local or State incentives**
  - **Tax Incentives/TIFs/Brownfield job bonuses**
- **EDA – Building demolition**
- **Enterprise Community funds**

# Planning Considerations

- **Focus On Target Areas – Master Plans, EZs  
Main Street Programs**
- **Consider Your Project “Cradle to Graduation”**
- **Identify Key Partners and involve them early**
- **Identify Resources**
- **Regional Approaches – Consider How Your  
Plan Fits With Your Surrounding Area  
(Coalitions/Planning Councils May Apply)**



## **Brownfields National Homepage**

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

## **EPA Region 4**

**[www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm)**



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