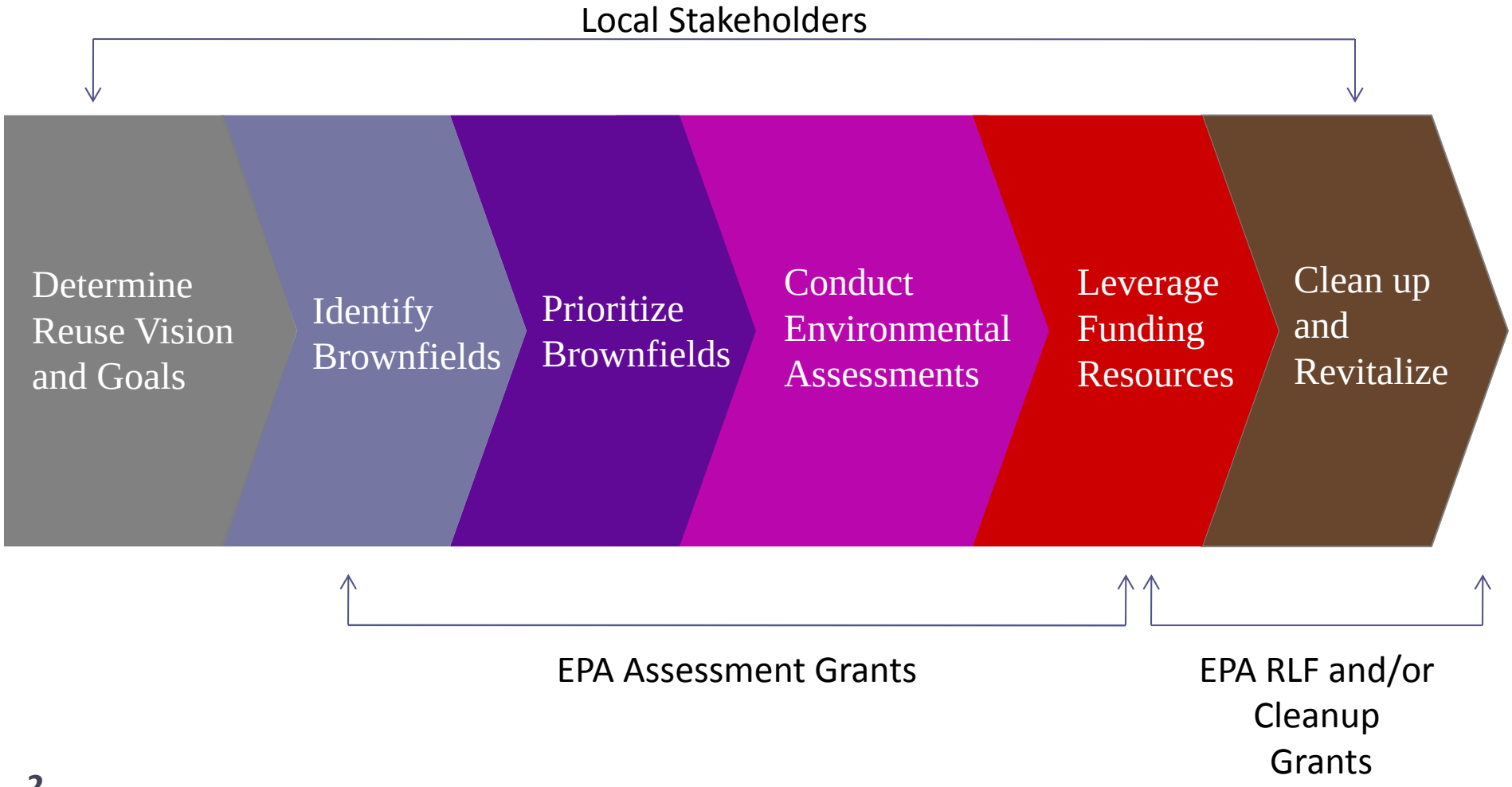
*Brownfields Workshop*

# OVERVIEW BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROCESS OCTOBER, 2013

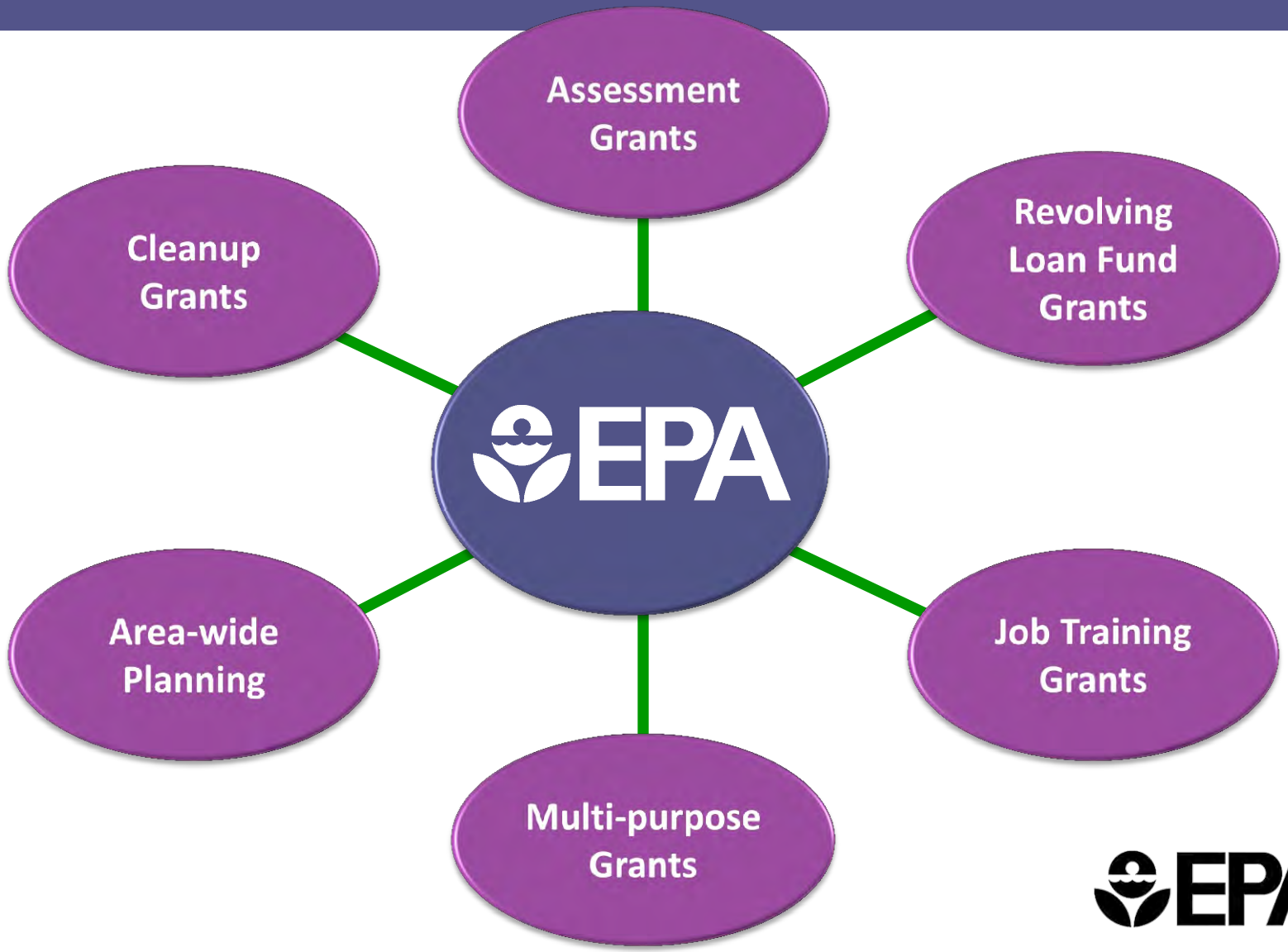
# What are Brownfields?

# Elements of Brownfields Revitalization



# Brownfields Assistance Opportunities Funding



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# ASSESSMENT GRANTS – NO MATCH!



## $200K, $350K, $600K

**USES:**

- Inventory of BF Sites
- Community Engagement
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) [All Appropriate Inquiry]
- Phase II ESAs (Sampling)
- Cleanup Planning
- Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)

# CLEANUP GRANTS – 20% MATCH



## $200K + 20% MATCH

**USES:**

- Cleanup Activities
- Finalize ABCA
- Public Participation on ABCA
- State Voluntary Cleanup Program Fees
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
- Qualified Environmental Professional (Your advocate/technical advisor)
- Confirmatory Sampling (CONFIRM CLEANUP MEETS STATE CLEANUP STANDARDS)
- Community Engagement Activities

# REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANTS - 20 % MATCH



**$1M**

**USES:**

- Loans for Cleanup Activities
  - Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)
  - Cleanup Planning
  - State VCP Fees
- Subgrants for Cleanup (eligible entities)
- Qualified Environmental Professionals For Loan &/Or Subgrant Recipients
- Community Engagement Activities
- Fund Manager
- Activities to Administer Loan

# ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & JOB TRAINING GRANTS – NO MATCH!



**$200K**

**USES:**

- Develop Curriculum
- Market/Recruit Students
- Conduct Training
- Supplies for Students/Trainers
- Graduation Activities
- Job Placements
- Student Screening – Physical, Medical, Education
- Track Measures – Students Graduated, Students Placed in Job, Student Job Retention

# AREA-WIDE PLANNING GRANTS – NO MATCH!



## $200K

**USES:**

- Advance Ongoing Local Planning
- Community Meetings, Charettes
- Community Engagement – Website, Newsletters, Social Media
- Proposed Plan to Revitalize Target Area Brownfields Sites
- Identify Next Steps
- Identify Resources – Local, Regional, State, Federal
- Host Federal Partners Meeting(s)
- Inventory Brownfields Sites

# MULTI-PURPOSE GRANTS – NO MATCH!

**USES:**

Assessments:
- Phase I ESA
- Phase II ESAs
- Cleanup Plans
- ABCA
- Community Engagement

Cleanups:
- State VCP Fees
- Qualified Environmental Professional
- Cleanup Activities
- Confirmatory Sampling AFTER Cleanup
- Community Engagement

# Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, Cleanup (ARC) – Brownfields Grants Schedule



**General ARC Grant Schedule**

- Guidelines posted mid-late August
- Proposals due 60 days from date of posted guidelines
- Selections announced following May
- Grants awarded following October

# Overview ARC Grant Review Process



- **THRESHOLD CRITERIA**
  - Pass/Fail
- **RANKING CRITERIA**
  - Accrue Points
    - Assessment 200 Points
    - Revolving Loan Fund 100 Points
    - Cleanup 100 Points

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# Overview ARC Grant Review Process



## Proposal Process Step 1:

### Pass/Fail Threshold Criteria

- Evaluated by your EPA Region
- Clarification by your EPA Region to Determine Eligibility after Submittal
- If Applicant and/or Brownfields Site Does Not Meet Threshold Criteria, Application Will Not Be Scored/Ranked

# Overview ARC Grant Review Process



## Proposal Process Step 2:

### Receive Ranking Criteria Score

- Evaluated by a National Panel
  - Reviewers are from SOMEWHERE ELSE
  - Scores Based on PROPOSAL

- REMEMBER . . . Scores!
  - ❖Assessment 200 Points
  - ❖Revolving Loan Fund 100 Points
  - ❖Cleanup 100 Points

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# THRESHOLD CRITERIA

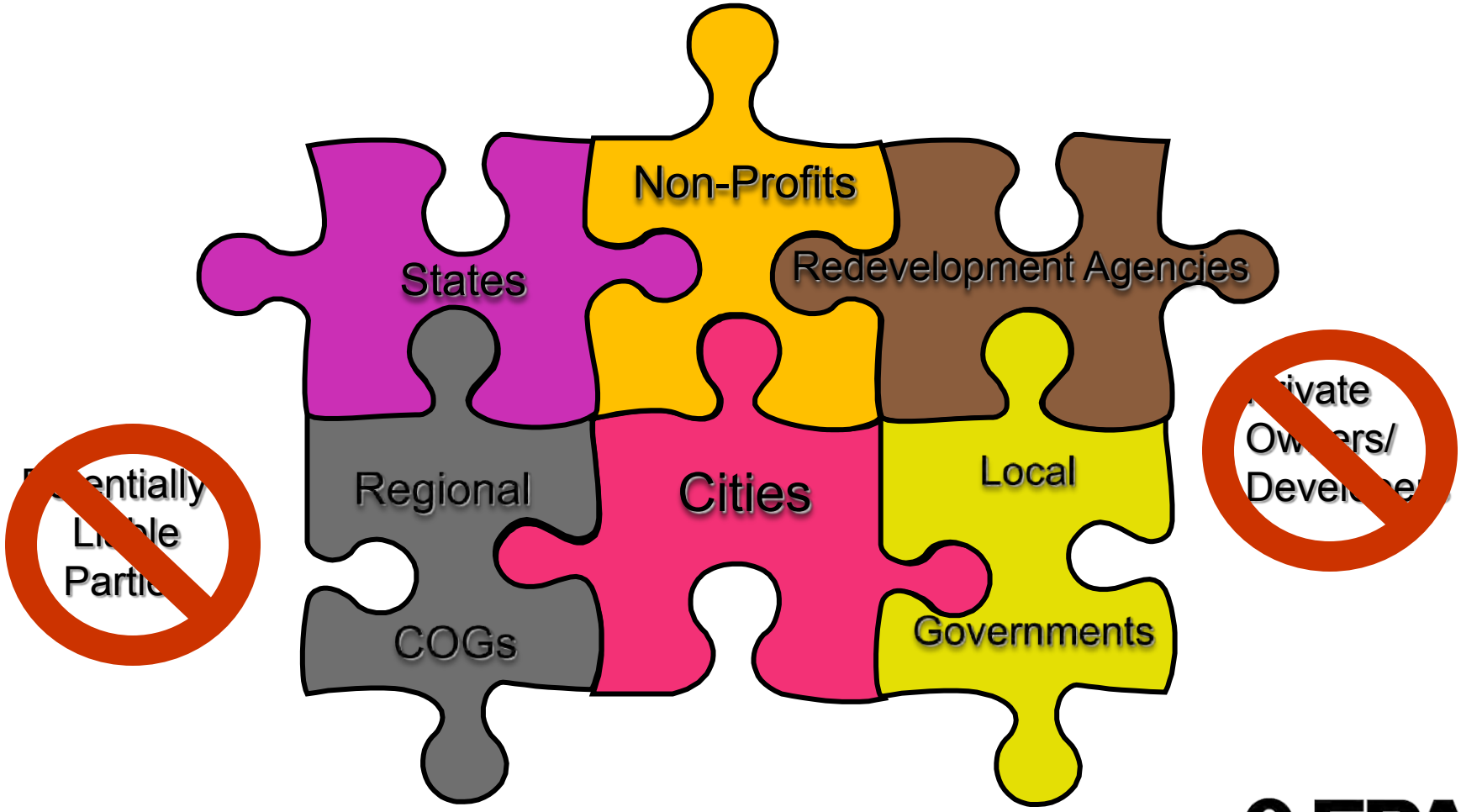


Pass – Entry

Fail – No Entry

# THRESHOLD CRITERIA:
## Eligible Applicants





# **THRESHOLD CRITERIA:** COALITION GRANTS



- Three or more coalition members
  - All separate legal entities
  - All eligible applicants

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# **THRESHOLD CRITERIA:** Property Owner Eligible – Site Specific Assessment OR Cleanup Grants



**HAZARDOUS:**

- Applicant Can Not Be Potentially Liable (CERCLA)
- EPA Determines CERCLA Liability
- IF Brownfield Contaminants are asbestos and/or lead-based paint – CERCLA may not apply . . .

**PETROLEUM:**

- State Petroleum Eligibility Determination Letter (Attachment)

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# **THRESHOLD CRITERIA:** Site Eligibility – Site Specific Assessment OR Cleanup Grants

# THRESHOLD CRITERIA: ALL ARC PROPOSALS

## State Acknowledgment Letter

- CURRENT Acknowledgement Letter from State or Tribal Environmental Authority – TCEQ &/or RRC
- Can Cover Multiple Brownfields Proposals
- Call or email Christine and/or Aimee at:


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# THRESHOLD CRITERIA: RLF & CLEANUP



## 20% MATCH

### RLF

- Two Legal Opinions
  - ✓ Authority to Access Property
  - ✓ Authority to Administer Loans

### CLEANUP

- Phase I ESA
- Phase II ESA
- ABCA (Draft – Minimally)
- Public Notice, Public Meeting, Public Comments
- Cleanup Authority and Oversight Structure

# RANKING CRITERIA



POINTS!!!

ASSESSMENT – 200 Points

RLF – 100 Points

CLEANUP – 100 Points

# COMMUNITY NEED

- Environmental Issues include:
  - # of BF Sites, Size of BF Sites
  - Health Concerns
  - Social Concerns
  - Financial/Economic Concerns
  - Disproportionate Impact to Community from BF sites
- SENSITIVE POPULATIONS:
  - Children?
  - Women of Child-Bearing Age?
  - Seniors?
  - Minorities?
    - African American %?
    - Latino %?
    - Asian American %?
    - Native American %?

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION & FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS

| ASSESSMENT | RLF | CLEANUP |
| --- | --- | --- |
| # Phase I ESAs | Sustainability of RLF | Reuse???? |
| # Phase II ESAs | Loan Administration | Cleanup Plan |
| # Cleanup Plans | Subgrants? | VCP vs Non VCP? |
| Prioritization for Phase I and II ESAS | Target Market | |

Redevelopment

# PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY

- Include Details – Key Staff Involved in Project
- Demonstrate Understanding-Competitive Bid Process (40 CFR Parts 30 or 31), As Appropriate
- Confirm No Adverse Audit Findings OR No Audit
- If Adverse Audit Findings – Explain How Findings Are Addressed
- IF PAST RECIPIENT – PROVIDE PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Engage Community HOW?
  - Community Meetings
  - Web
  - Newsletters
  - Social Media
- Language Needs Accommodated?
- Partnerships Local, State, Federal
  - Health Dept.
  - State Environmental Agency
  - HUD, DOT, EPA?
- Key Community Based Orgs.
  - Proposal – List NAME, ROLE & CONTRIBUTION of Key CBO's to Brownfields Project
  - Support Letters – ROLE & CONTRIBUTION to Brownfields Project

# PROJECT BENEFITS

- BENEFITS - SENSITIVE POPULATIONS:
  - ❖ Improved Environment?
  - ❖ Improved Health?
  - ❖ Improved Social?
- Redevelopment - Equitable Development or Livability?
- Economic Gain $, Jobs
- Greenspace or Non-Profit
- Sustainable Practices! Livability Principles! Green Building, Green Cleanup, Green Contracting!!

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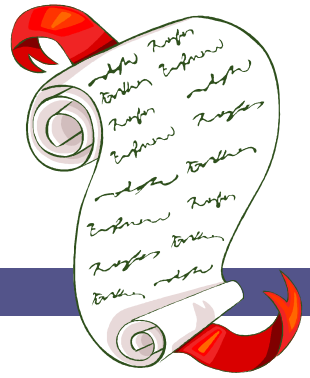


## PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

CLEANUP

- ✓ Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) DRAFT
- ✓ Documentation of Community Notice/Meeting/Comments
- ✓ Owner Eligibility
- ✓ Petroleum Eligibility Determination IF applicable
- ✓ Property- Specific Determination IF Applicable
- ✓ Cost Share Waiver IF Applicable

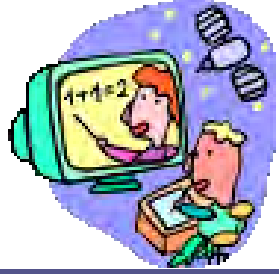
# Overview ARC Grant Proposal



## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS CHECKLIST

- Community Population ≤ 10,000
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribe
- Assisting Tribe or Territory?
- Mine-Scarred Brownfields?
- Controlled-Substances Brownfields?
- Impact from Natural Disaster (Hurricane Ike?)
- Plant Closures Or Other Economic Disruptions?
- HUD/DOT/EPA Core Partner
- Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant Recipient
- Green Remediation?
- Phase II ESA ONLY?

# General Lessons Learned





- *The Narrative Tells Your Story – Tie All the Criteria Together*
- *Remember, Reviewers Know Nothing About Your Community*
- *Highlight Your Redevelopment and/or Sustainability Opportunities Realized with Grant*
- *Any Previous and Ongoing Master Planning Efforts? Include in Narrative!*
- *Any Economic &/Or Sustainability Initiatives? Include in Narrative!*

- *"Special Considerations"? Include in the Narrative!*
- *Respect Page Limits!*
- *Acronyms – NOT HELPFUL!*
- *Maps, Graphics – After 20 Copies – How Does It Look?*
- *FOLLOW OUTLINE FORMAT PRESENTED IN PROPOSAL GUIDELINES*
- *Use Proposal Checklist*
- *READ THE CURRENT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES!*

# Wishing We Were With you!!!!

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