Brownfields Workshop

OVERVIEW BROWNFIELDS
GRANT PROCESS
SEPTEMBER, 2013
What are Brownfields?
Elements of Brownfields Revitalization

Determine Reuse Vision and Goals

Identify Brownfields

Prioritize Brownfields

Conduct Environmental Assessments

Leverage Funding Resources

Clean up and Revitalize

Local Stakeholders

EPA Assessment Grants

EPA RLF and/or Cleanup Grants
Brownfields Assistance Opportunities Funding

- Assessment Grants
- Cleanup Grants
- Revolving Loan Fund Grants
- Area-wide Planning
- Job Training Grants
- Multi-purpose Grants
$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!

$550K

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
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
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
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
  - 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

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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!!
THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Pass – Entry
Fail – No Entry
THRESHOLD CRITERIA:
Eligible Applicants
THRESHOLD CRITERIA: Site Eligibility – Site Specific Assessment OR Cleanup Grants

- Asbestos
- Pollutants
- Petroleum Products
- Illegal Drug Labs
- Hazardous Substances
- Lead Based Paint
- Mine-Scarred Lands

Contaminants

Excluded Facilities
- listed/proposed on the National Priorities List
- subject CERCLA order or decree
- subject to the control of the federal government
THRESHOLD CRITERIA: ALL ARC PROPOSALS
State Acknowledgment Letter

- CURRENT Acknowledgement Letter from State or Tribal Environmental Authority – ADEQ
- Can Cover Multiple Brownfields Proposals
- Call or email Terry Sligh, ADEQ
**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: RLF & CLEANUP

**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

20% MATCH
THRESHOLD CRITERIA: COALITION GRANTS

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

- Include in proposal:
  - Documentation that all members are eligible entities
  - Coalition members’ letters agreeing to be part of coalition
Overview ARC Grant Proposal

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!**