

US EPA BROWNFIELDS "ARC" GRANTS FFY2009

Brownfield: "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-ccarred land."

Section 104(k) Grant Categories:

- Assessment
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Cleanup

National Competition:

- Deadline 11/14/08; earlier expected for 2009
- 18-page limit for narrative proposal + 2-page transmittal letter
- Letters of support from community-based organizations
- Letter of support from State Environmental Agency (DTSC or RWQCB)

Eligible Entity:

- General purpose unit of local government
- Land clearance authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government
- Governmental entity created by the State Legislature
- Regional council or group of general purpose units of local government
- Redevelopment agency chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state
- State
- Indian Tribe
- Nonprofit organizations (for cleanup grants **only**)

Applicant Eligibility:

- 1 community-wide hazardous substances grant (\$200,000 max)
- 1 community-wide petroleum grant (\$200,000 max)
- 1 site-specific assessment grant (haz sub &/or pet; \$200,000 max)
- 3 cleanup grants for properties owned by applicant or to be acquired by applicant by June 30, 2009 (\$200,000 max each)

Assessment Grants:

- \$200,000 maximum each (no match required)
- Can submit 1 ap for haz substances & petroleum community-wide combined
- Can do assessment work & cleanup planning
- Delineate community involvement plans to be implemented upon grant award
- Coalition Grant: \$1 mil for min. 3 eligible entities (option – cannot do other assessment grants aps)

Cleanup Grants:

- \$200,000 with 20% match (in kind services acceptable; project management ok, not administrative/indirect costs; can get hardship waiver))
- Phase II environmental assessment report must be complete at time of grant submittal
- Requires documented community notification prior to grant submittal
- Can only do confirmation sampling – no further investigative sampling
- Only 1 cleanup grant per "site" (can be parcel, operable unit, etc.)
- Will likely require property ownership at time of application

FFY09 Basic Guidelines for US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants

1. Proposal Contents:
 - a. Transmittal letter: 2-page limit
 - b. Narrative proposal: 18-page limit
 - c. Letter from state environmental authority (DTSC)
 - d. Letters of Support from community-based organizations
2. Transmittal Letter (on agency letterhead & signed by authorized official)
 - a. Applicant identification: name, address of agency applying
 - b. Funding requested
 - c. Location: city, county & state of community to be served
 - d. Property name & address to be assessed
 - e. Contacts:
 - 1) Project Director
 - 2) Chief Executive/Highest Ranking Elected Official
 - f. Date Submitted
 - g. Project Period (must not exceed 3 years)
 - h. Population (of jurisdiction; for state agency = state pop)
3. Narrative Proposal
 - a. Community Need (**20 pts**)
 - 1) health, welfare & environment (10 pts)
 - a) effect brownfields currently have on targeted community; info on number & size of brownfields & health, welfare & environmental impacts of these sites (5 pts)
 - b) info on health/welfare of sensitive populations, e.g., minorities, children & women of child-bearing age, in targeted community; info/data showing that residents of targeted community are disproportionately impacted by environmental problems (5 pts)
 - 2) financial need (10 pts)
 - a) economic impact of brownfields on community; info about community, e.g., poverty, household income, unemployment rate, showing need of community (5 pts)
 - b) factors such as fiscal condition or population size that limits ability to draw on other sources of funding (5 pts)
 - b. Project Description & Feasibility of Success (**35 pts**)
 - 1) project description (5 pts)
 - 2) budget (10 pts)
 - a) budget table + task description (5 pts)
 - b) leveraging (5 pts)
 - 3) Programmatic Capability (20 pts)
 - demonstrated ability to manage grants
 - c. Community Engagement and Partnerships (**20 pts**)
 - 1) plans for involving affected community (5 pts)
 - 2) efforts &/or plans to develop partnerships with local/state/tribal environmental & health agencies & other relevant governmental agencies to ensure project success (5 pts)
 - 3) description/role of key community-based organizations – attach letters (10 pts)
 - d. Project Benefits (**25 pts**)
 - 1) welfare &/or public health (10 pts)
 - 2) economic benefits &/or greenspace (5 pts)
 - 3) environmental benefits from infrastructure reuse/sustainable reuse (5 pts)
 - 4) plan for tracking/measuring progress (5 pts)

FFY09 Basic Guidelines for US EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grants (Site-specific)

1. Proposal Contents:
 - a. Transmittal letter: 2-page limit
 - b. Narrative proposal: 18-page limit
 - c. Letter from state environmental authority (DTSC)
 - d. Letters of Support from community-based organizations
 - e. Documentation of community notification
2. Transmittal Letter (on agency letterhead & signed by authorized official)
 - a. Applicant identification: name, address of agency applying
 - b. Funding requested
 - c. Location: city, county & state of community to be served
 - d. Property name & address to be assessed
 - e. Contacts:
 - 1) Project Director
 - 2) Chief Executive/Highest Ranking Elected Official
 - f. Date Submitted
 - g. Project Period (must not exceed 3 years)
 - h. Population (of jurisdiction; for state agency = state pop)
3. Narrative Proposal
 - a. Community Need (**15 pts**)
 - 1) health, welfare & environment (8 pts)
 - a) effect brownfields currently have on targeted community; info on number & size of brownfields & health, welfare & environmental impacts of these sites (4 pts)
 - b) info on health/welfare of sensitive populations, e.g., minorities, children & women of child-bearing age, in targeted community; info/data showing that residents of targeted community are disproportionately impacted by environmental problems (4 pts)
 - 2) financial need (7 pts)
 - a) economic impact of brownfields on community; info about community, e.g., poverty, household income, unemployment rate, showing need of community (4 pts)
 - b) factors such as fiscal condition or population size that limits ability to draw on other sources of funding (3 pts)
 - b. Project Description & Feasibility of Success (**40 pts**)
 - 1) project description (10 pts)
 - a) describe project (5 pts)
 - b) describe cleanup plan & potential end use (5 pts)
 - 2) budget (10 pts)
 - a) budget table + task description (5 pts)
 - b) leveraging (5 pts)
 - 3) Programmatic Capability (20 pts)
 - demonstrated ability to manage grants
 - c. Community Engagement and Partnerships (**15 pts**)
 - 1) plans for involving affected community (5 pts)
 - 2) efforts &/or plans to develop partnerships with local/state/tribal environmental & health agencies & other relevant governmental agencies to ensure project success (5 pts)
 - 3) description/role of key community-based organizations – attach letters (5 pts)
 - d. Project Benefits (**30 pts**)
 - 1) welfare &/or public health (10 pts)
 - 2) economic benefits &/or greenspace (5 pts)
 - 3) environmental benefits from infrastructure reuse/sustainable reuse (10 pts)
 - 4) plan for tracking/measuring progress (5 pts)

U.S. EPA:

Brownfields Home Page:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

Brownfields Grants and Funding Information:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pilot.htm>

Brownfields Grant Applications Assistance Website:

<http://www.tabez.org/>

DTSC:

Brownfields Home Page:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/index.cfm>

Loans and Grants Information:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/Loans_Grants.cfm

Voluntary Cleanup Program Information:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/index.cfm#CP_JUMP_13298

AML Preliminary Assessment Handbook:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/upload/aml_handbook.pdf