

Brownfields 101

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Types of Brownfields Funding

- ❑ Assessment Grant
- ❑ Cleanup Grant
- ❑ Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)
- ❑ Job Training Grant
- ❑ Area Wide Planning Grant
- ❑ Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA's)



Assessment Grant

- \$200,000 community-wide/site-specific grants
 - ▣ Hazardous Substances and/or Petroleum
- \$1,000,000 Coalition Grants
- \$150,000 additional may be requested
- Government entities or government-related

- 3 year project periods
 - ▣ Phase I: record reviews, site visit
 - ▣ Phase II: sampling, analysis
 - ▣ Phase III: cleanup/remediation planning

- Sometimes it's all they need



Cleanup Grant

- \$200,000 per site
 - ▣ requires a 20% cost share
 - ▣ up to three sites
- Government entities and nonprofit organizations
- Applicant must own the property
- 3 year project periods
 - ▣ Conduct actual cleanup of contamination
 - Indoor contaminants
 - Soil and groundwater



Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- \$1 million grants (biennial)
 - ▣ requires a 20% cost share
- Governmental entities
- 5 year project periods
 - ▣ Low interest loan for cleanups (50%)
 - ▣ Subawards for cleanups
 - ▣ Can loan to private parties
- Ongoing source of capital for the community
 - ▣ Post Cooperative Agreement Program Income



Job Training Grant

- \$200,000 grants (biennial)
- Governmental entities and nonprofits
- Must have another BF grant

- 2 year project periods
 - ▣ For training and placing underemployed or undereducated residents
 - ▣ In communities clearly impacted by brownfields
 - ▣ HAZWOPER, OSHA health and safety, outreach



Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA's)

- EPA can perform direct brownfields site assessments in communities
- Offered to applicants who were not awarded
- Criteria
 - ▣ Site should be for public or non-profit use
 - ▣ Strong community support
 - ▣ Property owner(s) must allow access
 - ▣ Demonstrated commitments to cleanup and reuse site
- On-line application form
 - ▣ www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/regional/index

Area Wide Planning Grant

- \$200,000 award (biennial)
- Government entities or government-related
- 2 year project periods for a specific area
 - Community involvement
 - Evaluate existing environmental conditions, local market potential, and area infrastructure improvements needed
 - Develop strategies for brownfields site cleanup/reuse;
- Identify resources or leveraging opportunities to implement their plans.



Brownfield Area Wide Planning Grants

- Part of the HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities.
- Perform the research needed to develop an area-wide **plan (not for implementation)**
- Designed to provide support for:
 - Fine-tuning an ongoing planning process for brownfields
 - Developing area-wide plans for brownfields
- **Determine next steps and identify resources to implement the plan**

Other Federal Funding Programs Grants

Can be Linked Together for Redevelopment Projects

- ▣ HUD's Community Development Block Grants (for projects locally determined)
- ▣ EDA public works and economic adjustments
- ▣ DOT (various system construction, preservation, rehabilitation programs)
- ▣ Army Corps of Engineers (cost-shared services)
- ▣ USDA community facility, business and industry grants

Case Study: Carlisle-Cumberland Area Wide Planning Program Keys to Success

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Case Study: Carlisle-Cumberland AWP

- Awarded 2015
 - ▣ Highlight three closing factories
- Environmental issues addressed
 - ▣ Storm water management
 - ▣ Improving transportation infrastructure
- Area Wide Plan completed 2015
 - ▣ Leveraged \$10M
 - ▣ \$5M DOT transportation improvements
 - ▣ Awarded \$400,000 in EPA assessment funding



Case Study: Build Strong Teams

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- Inter-jurisdictional team
- Multi-disciplinary team
- Public-private team
- Funding & Advocacy team
- Dedicated local project leaders



Build & Maintain Local Stakeholder and Citizen Support

- Public support is critical
 - ▣ Early and frequent involvement and engagement
 - ▣ Clearly communicate what completed project be and expected benefits
- Think beyond public hearings
 - ▣ Community charrettes & forums
 - ▣ Newsletters and the local media
 - ▣ Social media outreach
- Engage with private landowners & developers



Case Study: Next Steps

- Hold monthly team meetings/calls
- Break down project components & phases
- Determine costs and funding sources
- Create Resource Roadmap for project priorities
- Develop briefing sheets
- Advocate for funding
- Celebrate Success



Case Study: Progress In Carlisle

