

U.S. EPA Brownfields Grants An Overview

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Types of Federal Brownfields Grants

- Assessment
- Clean Up
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Job Training

Who's Eligible to Receive BF Grant Funds?

- ◆ Tribes, Governmental, and Quasi-Governmental Agencies
- ◆ Sometimes Non-Profits
 - ◆ Only eligible for clean up grants

Assessment Grants

- How Much Money?
 - ◆ Single applicant
 - ◆ Up to \$200K
 - ◆ Waiver up to \$350,000 for site specific grant
 - ◆ Coalition of 3 - 5 applicants
 - ◆ Up to \$1M

Assessment Grants (cont)

- Phase I, Phase II, Remedial Action Planning
 - ◆ Grantee can do assessments for private entities
 - ◆ Example – City pays for Phase I and/or Phase II on property so potential purchaser can obtain financing

- 3 Year Project Period

- Petroleum or Hazardous Substance

Assessment Grants (cont.)

- Community Wide or Site Specific
 - ◆ Community Wide offers more flexibility
 - ◆ Private developer can ask public entity to get an assessment grant to be used on their site.
 - ◆
 - ◆ Up to \$350K for site specific grant
- No Cost Share Requirement
- Grantee Does Not Have to Own Site

Clean Up Grants

- Up to \$200,000
- Petroleum or Hazardous Substance
- 3 year Project Period
- Limited Sampling, Remedial Action Planning, Clean Up

Clean Up Grants (cont.)

- Only Site Specific
- 20% Cost Share Requirement
 - ◆ Cost share can come from private entity
- Grantee Must Own Site
 - ◆ Okay to flip title to the public entity for clean up then back to private entity
- Tribes, Governmental and Quasi-Governmental Agencies, *and* Non-Profits are Eligible Applicants

Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- Up to \$1,000,000 per Eligible Entity
 - ◆ Grantee can loan to self
 - ◆ Grantee can NOT subgrant to self
 - ◆ FY12 average RLF funded at \$650K haz sub, and as much petro as requested

Can form coalitions and apply for up to \$1M per coalition member

- ◆ Lead coalition member can subgrant to other coalition members
- ◆ Lead coalition member can NOT subgrant to self
- ◆ Lead coalition member CAN loan to self or other coalition members

Revolving Loan Fund (cont)

- 20% Cost Share
 - ◆ Can be passed on to loan recipient
- Petroleum and Hazardous Substance in one Grant Application – Separate Budget
- Grantee determines the terms of the loans
- Performance period – 5 years

Uses Common to all Grants

- Local Gov't can use up to 10% of grant for:
 - ◆ Health monitoring of population exposed to contaminants
 - ◆ Monitoring and enforcement of institutional controls at a brownfields site
 - ◆ Program development – ie writing BF ordinances

Uses Common to All Grants

- Programmatic Costs

- ◆ Time to oversee projects and meet reporting requirements

- “Portion” of grant can be used to purchase environmental liability insurance

FY 12 Grants

- Nationally

- ◆ 219 grants, \$58.9 M (\$17M < FY11)

- ◆ 133 Assessment, \$34M

- ◆ 73 Clean Up, \$14.5M

- ◆ 13 New RLFs, \$10.5M

FY 12 Grants

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- ◆ 47 grants – 21% of Total
- ◆ 28 Assessment
 - ◆ 10 Coalitions – Avg \$650K
- ◆ 17 Clean Up
- ◆ 2 RLF
 - ◆ \$650K each

How/When to Apply

- Guidelines
- www.epa.gov/brownfields, Then Hit Grants and Funding
- Grant guidelines typically published in Federal Register in late Fall, due November or December

Awards

- Award Announcements in Spring 2012
- Cooperative Agreements Signed (actually get money) by Oct 30, 2012
 - ◆ Pre-award costs possible up to 90day prior to award, with approval

Additional Information

- Additional Information available at www.epa.gov/brownfields
 - ◆ Federal Register Notice
 - ◆ Fact sheets

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