

Longmont Brownfield Coalition



What is a *brownfield*?

EPA definition:

“Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”

→ Definition is very broad



Brownfields & Economic Development

- Every year EPA creates 8,000 cleanup and redevelopment jobs and \$1.5 billion in redevelopment funds (includes \$50 to \$80 million in grants)
- ROI is 1:22 (for every \$1 of public investment there is \$22 of private investment)
- Studies show 1 job will be created for every \$13,000 - \$17,000 of public investment in brownfield redevelopment
- Residential property value increase 5 to 15% after brownfield cleanup



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Summary of Available EPA Brownfield Grants

| Type of Grant | Assessment (Coalition) | Assessment (Community-Wide) | Assessment (Site-Specific) | Cleanup | Multi-Purpose | Revolving Loan Fund |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|
| Maximum Grant Amount | \$600,000 | \$300,000 | \$350,000 | \$500,000 | \$800,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Required Match | 0% | 0% | 0% | 20% | 5% | 20% |
| Overall Applicant Success Rate (FY2010-2020) | 30% | 26% | 17% | 49% | 36% | 29% |
| % of Applications Failing Threshold Criteria (FY2010-2020) | 1% | 0% | 10% | 12% | 4% | 2% |
| Total Grants Awarded (Most Recent Competition) | 29 | 72 | 3 | 39 | 10 | 12 |

EPA Brownfield Grants

EPA Brownfield Grant Types

1. Assessment Grants

- Flexible
- Assessment
- Cleanup Planning
- Reuse Planning
- No Match

2. Cleanup Grants

- Grantee must own site(s)
- Up to \$500K
- 20% match

EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Types

Coalition

- 3 or more partners
- \$600K
- More awards
- Include small communities

Community-Wide

- Single applicant
- \$300K
- Fewer awards



Why a Coalition?

- EPA favors applications that benefit multiple communities
- Help small neighboring communities
- Larger grant than single community



Typical Timing for Brownfield Grant Applications*

- June to September 2021
 - Communities identify local support for a grant
 - Select qualified environmental professional to assist in grant writing
- September 2021 EPA grant guidelines are issued
- November 2021 Grant applications due to EPA
- April to June 2022 Grants are awarded
- October 1, 2022 Grant money is available for use

* Exact dates vary from year to year

Stantec Record for Securing EPA Brownfield Grants for Clients

- Since 2010 we have secured and implemented more than \$50M in EPA and various state brownfield grants
- We have provided grant writing and implementation to more than 100 communities nationwide
- Since 2012 we have assisted 24 communities in EPA Regions 8, 9 and 10 (including Colorado) with securing/implementing \$18.8M in EPA grants
- Since 2013 we have 100% success rate securing/implementing \$4.45M in EPA grants in Region 8 (includes Colorado)

What Is Required Of Coalition Members?

- Signed Letter of Commitment or Memorandum of Agreement
- Identification of 1 – 3 Priority Brownfield Properties
 - Why is it a brownfield?
 - What redevelopment plans are there for the property
- Provide Stantec with other information as needed
- Review & comment on draft grant application
- Hold a community meeting to identify community partners who will support grant once it has been awarded