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Brownfield Funding Opportunities
Revolving Loan Fund
Target Site Investigation

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Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

Purpose

- Facilitate reuse and redevelopment of brownfield sites
- Provide low-cost financing for brownfield cleanups
- Simple interest loans and subgrants
Brownfields RLF: Program Funding

- USEPA granted CA DTSC:
  - $3 million in 2006
  - $3.3 million in supplemental funds
  - $900,000 January 2014
Brownfields RLF: Eligible Parties

Eligible Borrowers
- Any public or private entity with control or access of the brownfields site

Eligible Subgrantees
- Local governments
- Non-profit organizations
- Housing Authorities
- School Districts
- Indian Tribes
- Other quasi-governmental entities created by state or local governments
- Must own property
Brownfields RLF: Eligible Sites

Sites with the following contaminants can be eligible:

- Hazardous substances only or mixed with petroleum
- Asbestos & lead based paint *(case-by-case)*
- Controlled substances *(e.g., meth labs)*
- Petroleum contamination OK
Potentially Liable Parties CERCLA § 107

- Past owner/operator during release of contamination
- Generator or transporter of contamination
- Cause or contributor to contamination
Brownfields RLF: Ineligible Sites

- Listed sites or sites proposed for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL);
- Sites subject to CERCLA orders or consent decrees; or,
- Federal properties (except land held in trust for an Indian tribe)
Brownfields RLF: Success Story – Orvieto Family Apartments, San Jose, CA

Former Scrap Iron & Metal Yard 1924-99

CoC: Lead, PCBs & TPH
City of San Jose received $525,000 Subgrant
92 affordable housing units
Leveraged over $18 million in funding
Brownfields RLF:

Types of Projects

Six Housing Projects ~ $4 million
- Low-Income Housing ~ $1 million
- Private Housing Projects ~ $2.9 million

Five Open Spaces Projects
- $1.76 million subgrants

Two Community Redevelopment Projects
- $400,000 subgrant

One School Project
- ~ $600,000 subgrant
Target Site Investigation

Goal: Assist with redevelopment planning & cleanup of Brownfield Sites in California

• Facilitate redevelopment of Brownfield sites
• Provides environmental service
• Identify assessment or cleanup needs
How much funding is available?

- No money changes hands
- No cost sharing requirement
- DTSC’s contractor conducts work under oversight of DTSC Project Manager
- $325,000 is available for 2014-2015
- Funding allocation between $10,000 - $150,000
- Historical Average $75,000 per project
Who can apply?

- Local government agencies
- Housing Agencies
- Successors to Redevelopment Agencies
- Non Profit organizations
- School Districts
- Tribes
- Environmental Justice Communities
Eligible Sites?

**Brownfields**: Underutilized properties where reuse is hindered by the actual or suspected presence of contamination

**EXAMPLES**

- Factories
- Dry-cleaners
- Mining sites
- Illegal drug labs
- Abandoned buildings & vacant sites
- Sites near to those with known environmental contamination
- Dairy Farms
Projects the Grant Supports

- School construction and expansion
- Open space
- Residences
- Commercial use
- Industrial use

Redevelopment that will benefit the community and bring a site to a better use

San Diego-Chollas Creek, a citizen-based non-profit organization, requested a grant to expand outdoor science education facilities at a site that had perceived environmental impacts from previous land use and freeway pollution.
Site Ownership

• Ownership is not required

  Applicant must...

• have an access agreement with the owner

• ensure owner supports the grant application and the environmental work

• provide information on purchase plan
What kind of work can be done?

- Phase 1 Environmental Assessment/All Appropriate Inquiries
- Phase 2 Environmental Assessment
- Preliminary Endangerment Assessment
- Supplemental Investigation
- Risk Assessment
- Specific component of a larger investigation
How can I apply?

• Application & Guidelines available at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/Loans_Grants.cfm

• Application is simple
  – Applicant information
  – Site Information
  – Requested Services

• Contact DTSC for help with the application
TSI Grant Schedule?

• Applications are available online
• Applications due by July 11\textsuperscript{th} 2014
• Decisions made by August 4\textsuperscript{th} 2014
• DTSC Project Manager kickoff meeting with grantee in August 2014
• Field work early 2015
• Report and recommendations to grantee April/May 2015
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