

BUILD ACT & BROWNFIELD GRANTS

CHANGES TO EPA BROWNFIELD GRANTS RELATED TO THE
BROWNFIELD UTILIZATION, INVESTMENT, AND LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT ACT

NEW ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE

- Starting in 2018, EPA may award Assessment Grants to:
 - 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (no other type of nonprofits eligible)
 - Limited Liability Corporations or Partnerships in which all managing members or general partners are 501(c)(3) organizations
 - Qualified Community Development Entities
 - very specific type of corporation defined in Section 45D(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code

NEW GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

- Brownfield Multipurpose Grants
 - Will Fund Assessment, Cleanup, and Redevelopment Planning
 - Expected Outputs From Each Award Include At Least One Phase II Investigation, One Site Cleanup, And An Overall Plan for Revitalization Of One Or More Sites.
 - Applicants Will Not Be Able To Apply For Other Brownfield Grant Funding In The Same Year
 - Grants Are Anticipated To Be \$800,000. Recipients Will Be Required To Provide A \$40,000 Cost Share, Which Cannot Be Waived
 - Organizations Eligible For Assessment Grants Are Eligible for Multipurpose Grants

NEW GRANTS...

- Small Community Assistance Grant Program
 - Available Only To State Agencies And Tribal Governments
 - For The Purpose of Providing Technical Assistance To Communities With Fewer Than 15,000 Residents
 - Maximum Award Is \$20,000 per Community

NEW FUNDING LEVELS FOR THE OLD GRANTS

- Cleanup Grants Substantially Increased
 - Applicants Can Request Up To \$500,000 For One or More Sites
 - Applicants Can Submit Only One Proposal But It Can Include Multiple Sites
 - Tribes, Nonprofits, and Local Governments With Populations Smaller Than 50,000 May Request A Cost Share Waiver
- Indirect Costs Now Eligible
 - Up To 5% Of Grant Award Can Be Used To Fund Administrative Costs – Including Indirect Costs

NEW EVALUATION PRIORITIES IN STATUTE

- The Build Act Adds Two New Priorities That EPA Must Consider When Selecting Proposals
 - Waterfront Brownfield Sites
 - Properties That Are Adjacent To A Body Of Water Or Federally Designated Floodplain
 - Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program For Clean Energy Projects
 - Wind, Solar, Or Geothermal Energy Production Facilities
 - Energy Efficiency Projects At Existing Facilities
 - NOTE: EPA Is Not Proposing To Run An RLF Competition In 2018. EPA Plans To Continue The Practice Of Running RLF Competitions Every Other Year.

NEW METHOD FOR FUNDING OF PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- EPA Will Fund All Proposed Planning Activities Through The Assessment Grant Program
 - There Will Be No Longer Be A Competition For Area-Wide Planning Grants
- The Assessment Grant Guidelines Will Highlight The Eligibility Of Planning Activities And Provide Examples Of Work That Can Be Supported
 - Market Evaluation or Analysis
 - Site Design and Redevelopment Planning
 - Development of a Brownfield Redevelop Plan for a Large Area

GRANT COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- In 2018 EPA Will Run Competitions For Assessment, Cleanup, and Multi-Purpose Grants
- Look For Grant Guidelines Starting In October – Exact Date Of Release Hasn't Been Determined
- In Spring of 2019 EPA Expects To Solicit Requests For Supplemental Funding Of Existing RLF Grants