

# **USEPA Brownfields Program**



**Virginia Regional Brownfields  
Conference**

**Getting Your Brownfields Project  
Funded**

**Hampton, VA  
March 1, 2012**

# US EPA Brownfields Mission

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- EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

# Brownfields & Revitalization Programs Benefit Communities...

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- Reduces blight
- Removes stigma of contamination
- Restores pride in community
- Creates tax revenue
- Creates jobs
- Revitalizes neighborhoods
- Reduces health risks
- Protects/creates greenspace
- Reduces sprawl
- Promotes sustainability





*From dumps to*

*office parks*





*From strip mines  
and acid drainage*

*to a picnic area  
and sculpture gardens*





*From a 283 acre  
mountain of  
industrial slag –*

*To 700+ new  
homes*



**Every Acre of  
Brownfields  
Developed**

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**Saves 4 ½ Acres of  
Greenfields**

# Types of Grant Funding

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- **Assessment**
- **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**
- **Cleanup**
  
- ❖ **Job training grants**  
smaller boutique grant program offered under a different solicitation process.

# Assessment Grant

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- \$200,000 community-wide/site-specific grants
- \$150,000 additional may be requested
  - Phase I: record reviews, site visit
  - Phase II: sampling, analysis
  - Phase III: cleanup/remediation planning
  - Governmental entities or government-related
  - 3 year project periods
- Sometimes it's all they need

# Cleanup Grant

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

# Revolving Loan Fund Grants

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- \$1 million grants (requires a 20% cost share)
  - low-interest loan fund for cleanups (60%)
  - Subgrant for cleanups (40%)
  - Governmental entities
    - Can loan to private parties
  - 5 year project periods

# Job Training Grant

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- \$200,000 grants
  - For training and placing underemployed or undereducated residents
  - In communities clearly impacted by brownfields
  - HAZWOPER, OSHA health and safety, outreach
  - Governmental entities and nonprofits
  - 2-year project periods

# Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA's)

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- EPA can perform direct brownfields site assessments in communities.
- 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](http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/regional/index)

# Virginia Brownfield Grants

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|--------------------|----|---------|
| Assessments        | 18 | \$5.06M |
| Clean Up           | 2  | \$400K  |
| RLF                | 2  | \$1.35M |
| Job Training       | 2  | \$473K  |
| Area Wide Planning | 1  | \$175K  |
| VA DEQ             |    | \$5.1M  |

# Virginia Brownfield Funding 2010/2011

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- 2010 Region III received 47 proposals
  - 18 grants selected for funding
  - 14 communities
- 2011 Region III received 35 proposals
  - Awarded 9 ( 2 from VA)
  - 6 communities
- 2012 Region III received 49 proposals
  - Currently being reviewed

# Current Virginia Brownfield Projects

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## ■ Hampton

- 2 Assessment Grants \$400K
  - Hazardous
  - Petroleum

## ■ Pulaski

- Assessment \$ 200K
  - Hazardous

# Current Virginia Brownfield Projects

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- Fredericksburg
  - Assessment \$400k
    - Hazardous
    - Petroleum
  
- Petersburg
  - Job Training \$300K

# Current Virginia Brownfield Projects

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- Roanoke
  - 4 Assessment Grants \$ 800K
    - Hazardous (3)
    - Petroleum
  - Cleanup \$ 200K
  - Job Training \$ 200
  - RLF \$1.0M
  - Area Wide Planning \$175K

# *What makes a good Assessment Project?*

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- Identified needs (targeted areas)
- Sites ready to go (owner cooperation)
- Development potential (plans adopted)



# Hampton

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# What makes a good Cleanup Project?

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- Property ownership in place
- Site is fully characterized – know full extent of the cleanup necessary
- Cleanup plan ready/cost estimates
- Other funding in place to complete the cleanup
- Redevelopment plan ready to go and funded for the site



# What makes a good Revolving Loan Fund Project?

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- Growing market
- Master redevelopment plans that include brownfields
- Capacity to handle financial transactions
- Developer interest in loans





# Roanoke



# Tips for a Successful Application

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- Review previous year grant guidelines
- Begin engaging community
- Respond to all criteria
- Talk with previous grantees
- Create redevelopment plan

# Preparation for Applying

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- Separate Guidelines for each grant type
- EPA Region III grant application training
- Proposal Guidelines for ARC Grants:
  - [www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm)

# Want More Information?

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- EPA's Brownfields Website (download the Proposal Guidelines here)  
<http://epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>
- Region 3's Brownfields website (helpful hints and presentation materials)  
<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/grants/index.htm>
- FY09 ARC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) -  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/publications/fy2009faqs.pdf>

# Other Items

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## Annual Brownfields Conference

- Brownfields 2011: April 3-5; Philadelphia, PA
- [www.brownfields2011.org](http://www.brownfields2011.org)

## Next Grant Funding Opportunity

- Proposals due roughly October 2011

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