2015 Comparison of Competitive State, Regional and County Brownfield Financial Resources

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1) What general types of brownfield grants are available?	• Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) • Contamination Cleanup	• Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) • Contamination Cleanup • Investigation or cleanup Pilot within Areas of Concentrated Poverty	• Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) • Contamination Cleanup	• Contamination Cleanup
2) Where can the grant funds be used?	Statewide	Cities participating in the Livable Communities Program within the 7-county metropolitan area (See http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Communities-Participating-in-the-Livable-Communiti.aspx?source=child)	Hennepin County	Suburban Ramsey County
3) How much money is available this funding cycle?	~$4M	~$3M $800,000 TBRA Pilot Program	~$1M	~$500,000
4) Is there a matching fund requirement?	Yes, at least 25% (up to 13% may come from other grant sources)	Cleanup, No Investigation (25%)	No	No
5) Is there a *maximum* grant request amount per proposal project?	Investigation - $50,000 Cleanup – no max	Investigation - $50,000 per project & 50% of the funding available for the cycle	No	No
6) Is there a *minimum* grant request amount per project?	No	No	No	No
7) What is the average cleanup grant *request* amount in the past 3 years?	~$350,000	~$294,000	varies	varies
8) What is the average cleanup grant *award* amount in the past 3 years?	~$400,00	~$274,000	varies	$170,000

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9) Generally, what type of activities can your program fund?	• Phase I Environmental Site Assessment • Phase II Environmental Assessment • Response Action Plans • Soil or ground water cleanups	• Phase I Environmental Site Assessment • Phase II Environmental Assessment • Response Action Plans Soil or ground water cleanups • Hazardous building materials assessments (emphasis on asbestos or lead-based paint) • Soil vapor mitigation • Asbestos abatement • Lead-based paint abatement • Demolition (on a case-by-case basis)	• Phase I Environmental Site Assessment • Phase II Environmental Assessment • Hazardous building materials surveys • Response Action Plans • Soil or ground water cleanups • Soil vapor mitigation • Asbestos & lead-based paint abatement (for housing projects only) • Demolition (on a case-by-case basis)	• Soil or ground water cleanups • Soil vapor mitigation
10) Who is eligible to apply for funding?	• Cities, • Counties, • Local public development authorities	• Cities, • Counties, • Local public development authorities (Private entities typically work together with public entities to request funding)	• Cities, • Local public development authorities • Private or public for-profit companies • Not-for-profit organizations	• Cities • Local public development authorities • Public and private for-profit and not-for-profit organizations

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11) What types of redevelopment projects have been awarded a grant within the past 2 years?	• Industrial • Commercial • Mixed use • Multi-family Housing	• Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate; rental & ownership; senior; student; supportive) • Commercial • Industrial • Mixed-use	• Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate; rental & ownership; senior; student; supportive) • Commercial • Industrial • Mixed-use • Green space	• Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate) • Commercial • Industrial • Mixed-use
12) Does the applicant need to own the property?	No	No	No	No
13) Is there a pre-application process? (Cities may have their own pre-application process.)	No	No	No	No
14) Are there prerequisites? What documents are required to apply?	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA City resolution of support	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Hazardous Materials Assessment City resolution of support	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA City resolution of support	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Copy of other brownfield funder applications
15) Can I apply to more than one grant program at the same time?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
16) What are the funding priorities?	• Increases in property taxes • Increases in jobs • Significant contamination cleanup • Ready to begin construction	• Increases in property tax base (net tax capacity) • Increases and retention of permanent jobs • Adding affordable housing • Significant contamination cleanup	• Significant contamination cleanup • Ready to begin cleanup	• Increases in property taxes • Increases in jobs • Significant contamination cleanup • Ready to begin construction • 50/50 City of St. Paul/Suburban Ramsey split in awards
17) What are some *other* important outcomes that will improve the chances of my project proposal being awarded a grant?		• Ready to begin construction • Increase in density and intensity • Proximity to transit service • Proximity to regional parks and trails • Use of best practices for on-site storm water management	• Creation or retention of affordable housing • Sustainable project attributes • Job creation & tax base increase	
18) Where do I find information about the evaluation process?	See application guide attached to the application forms in link below.	2015 Application guides are available will be available at http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child	http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund	http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/NR/rdonlyres/274F08FB-4C8C-4C8D-8048-F302F4D29FC8/13253/PolicyRevisions100709.pdf

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19) What percentage of grant requests typically receive a grant award?	69%	71%	90%	93%
20) Where do I find the application forms?	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp (Select 'Forms' tab to download a form)	Online forms are listed by funding opportunity. To get started, go to the WebGrants homepage at http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/WebGrants-Info.aspx?source=child	http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund (Select option 'Applying for a Grant' to download a form)	http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ced/environ_response_fund.htm
21) How many copies do I need to submit?	2 printed copies & 1 electronic copy	submit one online form per project	2 printed copies & 1 electronic copy	One, electronic OK
22) When are applications due?	November 2 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	November 2	November 2 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	November 2
23) Is there an application fee? (Cities may require an application fee.)	No	No	No	No
24) When will the grants be awarded?	December	January	February	February
25) When is the earliest we can start the cleanup to be paid with grant funds?	Depends on when RAP is approved	After a grant is awarded	After a grant agreement is executed	After the date of application
26) Can I get reimbursed with grant funds for costs already incurred?	Yes, within 6 months before the application date, depending on when the RAP was approved	Investigation costs incurred within 180 days of application date only. No cleanup costs.	No	No
27) Where do I find examples of successful grant awards?	See a list of funded projects at http://mn.gov/deed/images/ContamCleanup_FundedProjects.xlsx	http://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/TBRA-Profiles.aspx	Contact Hennepin County Environmental Services Staff: John Evans, 612-348-4046 Gil Gabanski, 612-348-4843 Mary Finch, 612-543-1595	http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/NR/rdonlyres/274F08FB-4C8C-4C8D-8048-F302F4D29FC8/34813/ERF2013Document01032013reduced.pdf
28) I can't submit a proposal in this funding cycle. When is the next one?	May 2, 2016	May 2, 2016	To be determined in the spring of 2016	May 2, 2016
29) For more information see . .	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp	http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child	http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund	http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ced/environ_response_fund.htm

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Selected Online Resources:

Brownfields Resource Guide: http://mn.gov/deed/images/Brownfields_Resource_Guide.pdf

Dakota County, Redeveloping Brownfields: http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/ContaminatedSites/RedevelopingBrownfields/Pages/default.aspx

Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund: http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund

Metropolitan Council, Tax Base Revitalization Account: http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child

Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund: http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ced/environ_response_fund.htm

Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development, Contamination Cleanup & Investigation Program: http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Brownfields: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/waste/waste-and-cleanup/cleanup/brownfields/index.html

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Brownfields: http://epa.gov/brownfields/

Minnesota Brownfields: http://www.mnbrownfields.org/