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<p>Frequently Asked Questions:</p>	 DEED Contamination Cleanup & Investigation	 Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)	 Environmental Response Fund	 Environmental Response Fund
1) What general types of brownfield grants are available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) Contamination Cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) Abatement Contamination Cleanup Investigation, abatement, or cleanup within Areas of Concentrated Poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) Contamination Cleanup Abatement (for housing projects only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment)* Contamination Cleanup Abatement <p>(* Under new program inquire with staff)</p>
2) Where can the grant funds be used?	Statewide	Cities participating in the Livable Communities Program within the 7-county metropolitan area	Hennepin County	Ramsey County
3) How much money is available this funding cycle?	~\$4M	~\$3.1M	~\$1.5M	~\$400,000
4) Is there a matching fund requirement?	Yes, at least 25% (up to 13% may come from other grants)	Cleanup, No Investigation (25%) SEED, No	No	No
5) Is there a <i>maximum</i> grant request amount per proposal project?	Investigation - \$50,000 Cleanup – no max	Investigation: \$50,000 Cleanup: 50% of the funding available for the cycle	No	No
6) Is there a <i>minimum</i> grant request amount per project?	No	No	No	No
7) What is the average cleanup grant request amount in the past 3 years?	~\$457,000	~\$366,000	varies	varies

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<p>8) What is the average cleanup grant <i>award</i> amount in the past 3 years?</p>	<p>~\$387,000</p>	<p>~\$352,000</p>	<p>\$202,600</p>	<p>\$150,000 - \$200,000 (Often as match to DEED grants)</p>
<p>9) Generally, what type of activities can your program fund?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I Environmental Site Assessment • Phase II Environmental Assessment • Response Action Plans • Soil or ground water cleanups • Soil vapor mitigation • Limited Demolition (on a case-by-case basis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Limited Demolition (on a case-by-case basis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • Limited Demolition (on a case-by-case basis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase II Environmental Assessment* • Hazardous building materials surveys* • Response Action Plans * • Soil or ground water cleanups • Soil vapor mitigation • Asbestos & lead-based paint abatement <p>(*Under new program inquire with staff)</p>

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10) Who is eligible to apply for funding?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities, Counties, Local public development authorities (Private entities typically work together with public entities to request funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities, Counties, Local public development authorities (Private entities typically work together with public entities to request funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities, quasi-governmental entities Local public development authorities Private or public for-profit companies Not-for-profit organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities Local public development authorities Private or public for-profit companies Not-for-profit organizations
11) What types of brownfield redevelopment projects have been awarded a grant within the past 2 years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial Commercial Mixed use Multi-family Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate; rental; senior; supportive; transitional) Commercial Industrial Mixed-use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate; rental & ownership; senior; student; supportive) Commercial Industrial Mixed-use Green space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate, senior) Commercial Industrial Mixed-use Green space
12) Does the applicant need to own the property?	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No (but must have site control)</p>
13) Is there a pre-application requirement by granting agencies? (Cities may have their own pre-application process e.g., Minneapolis, Saint Paul.)	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
14) Are there prerequisites? Other than the application form, what documents are required to apply?	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Development plan Appraisal or Assessed value City resolution of support	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Hazardous Materials Assessment Development plan City resolution of support	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Development plan City resolution of support	Phase I ESA (for Phase II apps) completed within previous 24 months. Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Development plan City resolution of support
15) Can I apply to more than one grant program at the same time?	Yes. You may apply to other grantors but you cannot apply for investigation and cleanup simultaneously and you may not apply to more than one program for investigation grants without prior approval.	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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16) What are the funding priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases in property taxes Increases in permanent jobs Significant contamination cleanup Ready to begin construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases in property tax base (net tax capacity) Increases and retention of permanent jobs Adding affordable housing Significant contamination cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant contamination cleanup Ready to begin cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in affordable housing units Increase in jobs Increase in property taxes Significant contamination cleanup Ready to begin construction Located in an environmental justice area as defined by MPCA 50/50 City of St. Paul/Suburban Ramsey split in awards
17) What are some <i>other</i> important outcomes that will improve the chances of my project proposal being awarded a grant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial need Blight reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement Equitable Development 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation or retention of affordable housing Sustainable project attributes Job creation & tax base increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can complete cleanup within 18 months of application Project will be a catalyst to further redevelopment
18) Where do I find information about the evaluation process?	https://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 [Select a grant type (e.g., cleanup) and the drop-down for 'Application Scoring']	https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields	https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs-incentives/environmental-response-fund
19) What percentage of grant requests typically receive a grant award?	71%	73%	70%	77%
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 our WebGrants homepage at https://metrocouncilgrants.org	An application will be available in August through the Supplier Portal https://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/supplier-portal	https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs/environmental-response-fund
21) How many copies do I need to submit?	2 printed copies & 2 electronic copies	submit one online form per project	submit one online form per project	submit one online form per project
22) When are applications due? (Minneapolis pre-application due Mar 8)	November 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	November 1	November 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	November 1

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23) Is there an application fee by granting organizations required to apply? (Cities may require an application fee e.g., Minneapolis, Saint Paul.)	No	No	No	No
24) When will the next cycle of grants be awarded?	December/January 2023	January 2024	February 2024	February 2024
25) When is the earliest we can start the cleanup to be paid with grant funds? (Prior to contract execution, costs incurred are at your own risk.)	Depends on when RAP is approved	After a grant is awarded	Potentially the day after county board approval provided certain requirements are met	Potentially the day after county board approval provided certain requirements are met
26) Can I get reimbursed with grant funds for costs already incurred?	Yes for cleanup costs, if RAP was approved within 6 months of the application date. However, investigation costs previously incurred are considered match-only costs and cannot be reimbursed.	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/assets/contam-cleanup-funded-projects_tcm1045-132528.xlsx	https://metro council.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/LCA-Project-Profiles.aspx#TBRA	Contact Hennepin County Environment and Energy Staff or visit our website	https://www.ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Departments/Community%20%26%20Economic%20Development/ERF%20fact%20sheet%202019_Final.pdf
28) I can't submit a proposal in this funding cycle. When is the next one?	May 2024	May 2024	May 2024	May 2024
29) For more information see . .	http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp	http://www.metro council.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child	https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields	https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs/environmental-response-fund

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<p>30) Questions? Contact . . .</p>	<p>Kristin Lukes Director, Brownfields and Redevelopment Unit 651-259-7451 or 1-800-657-3858 Kristin.Lukes@state.mn.us</p>	<p>Marcus Martin, Livable Communities Grant Program Coordinator 651-602-1054 marcus.martin@metc.state.mn.us</p>	<p>Bria Boos Senior Environmental Scientist 612-348-5948</p> <p>Michael Torres Senior Environmental Scientist 612-695-1841</p> <p>Lance Robinette Senior Environmental Scientist 612-543-4855</p> <p>OR brownfields@hennepin.us</p>	<p>Ella Mitchell, Redevelopment Manager 651-413-4975 ella.mitchell@ramseycounty.us</p>

Selected Online Resources:

Brownfields Resource Guide: <http://mnbrownfields.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/brownfields-resource-guide.pdf>

Dakota County, Redeveloping Brownfields: <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/WaterResources/ContaminatedSites/Brownfields>

Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund: <https://www.hennepin.us/ERF>

Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs-incentives/environmental-response-fund>

Washington County CDA, Brownfield Assessment, <https://www.eastmetromsp.org/brownfield-epa-grant>

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

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/>