













2018 Comparison of Competitive State, Regional and County Brownfield Financial Resources

Frequently Asked Questions:	 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) Contamination Cleanup Investigation or abatement within Areas of Concentrated Poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) Contamination Cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contamination Cleanup
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	~\$2.5M ~\$1M TBRA Pilot Program	~\$1M	\$525,000
4) Is there a matching fund requirement?	Yes, at least 25% (up to 13% may come from other grants)	Cleanup, No Investigation (25%)	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 <i>request</i> amount in the past 3 years?	~\$424,000	~\$389,000	varies	varies
8) What is the average cleanup grant <i>award</i> amount in the past 3 years?	~\$432,000	~\$334,000	varies	\$150,000 - \$200,000 (Typically as match to DEED grants)
9) Generally, what type of activities can your program fund?	<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 	<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) Demolition (on a case-by-case basis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil or ground water cleanups Soil vapor mitigation (Residential developments)

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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, 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 Public and private for-profit and 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 & ownership; 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) Commercial Industrial Mixed-use
12) Does the applicant need to own the property?	No	No	No	No (but must have site control)
13) Is there a pre-application process? (Cities may have their own pre-application process e.g., Minneapolis, Saint Paul.)	No	No	No	No (but projects in St Paul must follow city pre-application processes)
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 (Recommended. County ERF grants are intended to be funding of last resort; no other funding available)
16) What are the funding priorities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases in property taxes Increases in jobs Significant contamination cleanup Ready to begin construction Financial need 	<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"> 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 <i>other</i> important outcomes that will improve the chances of my project proposal being awarded a grant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blight reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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18) Where do I find information about the evaluation process?	See application guide attached to the application forms in link response to question 20	See documents under Applicant Guides at http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child	https://www.hennepin.us/ERF	Ask staff
19) What percentage of grant requests typically receive a grant award?	80%	64%	60%	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 https://metrocouncilgrants.org	https://www.hennepin.us/ERF (Expand 'Applying for an ERF Grant' section to download a form and instructions; program application process transitioning to supplier portal via county website – more information to come)	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 & 1 electronic copy	submit one online form per project	Process transitioning to all electronic submittals via county website – more information to come	One with original signatures, electronic OK
22) When are applications due?	May 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	May 1	May 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	May 1
23) Is there an application fee? (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?	July	July	July	July
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	After the date of application
26) Can I get reimbursed with grant funds for costs already incurred?	Yes, up to 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/assets/contam-cleanup-funded-projects_tcm1045-132528.xlsx	https://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/LCA-Project-Profiles.aspx#TBRA	Contact Hennepin County Environmental Services Staff	https://www.ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Licenses%2C%20Permits%20and%20Records/Business/Environment%20Response%20Fund%20fact%20sheet.pdf

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<p>28) I can't submit a proposal in this funding cycle. When is the next one?</p>	<p>November 1, 2018</p>	<p>November 1, 2018</p>	<p>November 1, 2018</p>	<p>November 1, 2018</p>
<p>29) For more information see . .</p>	<p>http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp</p>	<p>http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child</p>	<p>https://www.hennepin.us/ERF</p>	<p>https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs/environmental-response-fund</p>
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Selected Online Resources:

Brownfields Resource Guide: <http://mnbrownfields.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/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: <https://www.hennepin.us/ERF>

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)

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

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/>