2021 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 (Hennepin)	Environmental Response Fund (Ramsey County)
1) What general types of brownfield grants are available?	• Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) • Contamination Cleanup	• Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) • Abatement • Contamination Cleanup • Investigation, abatement, or cleanup within Areas of Concentrated Poverty	• Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) • Contamination Cleanup • Abatement (for housing projects only)	• Contamination Cleanup • Abatement
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	$3M	~$1.5M	~$500,000
4) Is there a matching fund requirement?	Yes, at least 25% (up to 13% may come from other grants)	Cleanup, No Investigation (25%) SEED Investigation (25%)	No	No
5) Is there a *maximum* 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 *minimum* grant request amount per project?	No	No	No	No
7) What is the average cleanup grant *request* amount in the past 3 years?	~$346,000	~$370,000	varies	varies
8) What is the average cleanup grant *award* amount in the past 3 years?	~$372,000	~$318,000	varies	$150,000 - $200,000 (Typically as match to DEED grants)

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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 • Soil vapor mitigation • Limited Demolition (on a case-by-case basis)	• 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)	• 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)	• Soil or ground water cleanups • Soil vapor mitigation • Asbestos & lead-based paint abatement
10) Who is eligible to apply for funding?	• Cities, • Counties, • Local public development authorities (Private entities typically work together with public entities to request funding)	• Cities, • Counties, • Local public development authorities (Private entities typically work together with public entities to request funding)	• Cities, quasi-governmental entities • Local public development authorities • Private or public for-profit companies • Not-for-profit organizations	• 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?	• Industrial • Commercial • Mixed use • Multi-family Housing (market-rate & affordable)	• Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate; rental & ownership; senior; supportive; transitional) • 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 • Green space
12) Does the applicant need to own the property?	No	No	No	No (but must have site control)
13) Is there a pre-application requirement by granting agencies? (Cities may have their own pre-application process e.g., Minneapolis, Saint Paul.)	No	No	No	No

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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 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	Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Development plan 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?	• Increases in property taxes • Increases in permanent 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 • Increase in affordable housing units • 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?	• Financial need • Blight reduction	• 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	• Creation or retention of affordable housing • Sustainable project attributes • Job creation & tax base increase	• 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	See 'Application Scoring' http://www.metrocouncil.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/sites/default/files/Licenses%2C%20Permits%20and%20Records/Business/Envieronmental%20Response%20Fund%20guidelines.pdf
19) What percentage of grant requests typically receive a grant award?	80%	67%	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 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

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21) How many copies do I need to submit?	2 printed copies & 1 electronic copy	submit one online form per project	submit one online form per project	One with original signatures, electronic OK
22) When are applications due? (Minneapolis pre-application due Mar 8)	Nov 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	Nov 1	Nov 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)	Nov 1
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?	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Feb 2022
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 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://metrocouncil.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/Licenses%2C%20Permits%20and%20Records/Business/Environment%20Response%20Fund%20fact%20sheet.pdf
28) I can't submit a proposal in this funding cycle. When is the next one?	May 2022	May 2022	May 2022	May 2022
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	https://www.hennepin.us/business/property/brownfields	https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs/environmental-response-fund

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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: https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/WaterResources/ContaminatedSites/Brownfields

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

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/