Tax Base Revitalization Account: Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (TBRA SEED)

Livable Communities Act
Original Purpose

Add a two-year pilot targeted to sites in Areas of Concentrated Poverty that would allow awarding Contamination Cleanup funds to projects on sites without an identified development project, with the goal of creating jobs by catalyzing redevelopment.
Grant Guideline Summary

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<td>Uses</td>
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<td>Geography</td>
<td>Areas of Concentrated Poverty within LCA participant cities</td>
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SEED Programmatic Milestones

- **2015**: Pilot Program Started
- **2016**: Expanded Potential Outcomes; Expanded Geography
- **2017**: Pilot Program Renewed; Name changed to SEED
- **2018**: Expanded Uses
- **2019**
- **2020**
- **2021**

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Awards by Year

SEED Grants Awarded

- Amount Requested
- Amount Available
- # Applications Funded

2015: 7
2016: 2
2017: 2
2018: 4
2019: 2
2020: 5
2021: 2

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Project Outcome Status

- Awarded but Not spent: 5
- Partially spent: 15
- Received additional grants/other funding: 3

None started construction: 3

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## Prior Feedback

### From Other Grantors / Counties
- Timing
- Adding non-cleanup related uses

### From Cities
- Don’t deal with contaminated sites
- No (or little) redevelopment
- Focus on public sites only
- Not aware / too early
- Allows city to be more strategic
- Eligibility/‘No project’ status was unclear
- Other needs are a higher priority
- Eliminate match
Strengths
More Accessible
Focus more attention on “cold” submarkets
Most useful on publicly-owned sites

Opportunities
Make more easily accessible for high priority corridors

Weakness
Low # of requests
Only 2 cities regularly apply
Development slow to start

Threat
Minimal impact

Program Assessment
Discussion Questions

• What is the primary purpose of the SEED program?

• What is the best way to achieve that purpose?
Next Steps

- Staff will return prior to February 2022 with any remaining considerations
  - Following up on today’s feedback
  - Proposed changes to eligibility or scoring criteria
  - Funding availability
- Final recommendations for SEED will be considered in the comprehensive LCA Fund Distribution Plan business item in February 2022
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