U.S. EPA
BROWNFIELD FUNDING OVERVIEW

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What is a brownfield?

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines a brownfield as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant".

- This is a CERCLA/Superfund definition, consequently Superfund Liability applies to Brownfields, However....
Land Banks are governmental/quasi-governmental entities, therefore they have CERCLA liability protection as long as they acquire property involuntarily through:

- bankruptcy,
- tax delinquency,
- abandonment,
- or by exercising power of eminent domain
So Why Conduct AAI?

- Acquisition of property from a land bank is not involuntary
- Land Bank’s liability protection is not transferable
- AAI needs to be completed before property is transferred to another entity.
EPA Grants and TA

- **Brownfield Grant Opportunities:**
  - Assessment grants
  - Cleanup grants
  - Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grants
  - Environmental Workforce Development Job Training (EWDJT)
  - Area-Wide Planning (AWP) grants

- **Brownfield Technical Assistance:**
  - Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)
  - Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)
  - State & Tribes with CERCLA 128(a) grants may also provide TBAs to communities when requested
  - Other Research, Training and Technical Assistance Grantees
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Authorized Brownfields Funding

- Assessment Grants
- Revolving Loan Fund Grants
- Cleanup Grants
- Job Training Grants
- Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)
- State & Tribal Response Program Grants 128(a)

- Up to $200 Million*
- $50 Million States & Tribes
- *up to 25% for petro
FY18 Funding Levels (Total $50M)

- Assessment grants
  - 145 grants for about $33.5 M (FY17 $42M)

- Cleanup grants
  - 38 grants for about $7.5M (FY17 $12M)

- RLF grants
  - 15 grants for about $9M (FY17 $0)

- EPA will award approx. 50% of total Assessment & RLF funds to ‘new’ applicants (those who never received an EPA BF grant, or applicants whose grants closed in 2009 or earlier)

- Will award up to 25% of funds for petroleum site work
  - *awarded as ‘cooperative agreements’, which includes significant EPA involvement with funded activities*
Assessment Grants

- Provide funding to plan, inventory, prioritize and assess brownfields, conduct community involvement, and cleanup/redevelopment planning.

- Who is eligible?
  - State, local, and tribal governments
  - Governmental and Quasi-Governmental Agencies (Land Banks)
  - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies

- Funding:
  - Up to $200,000 to assess properties contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and/or $200,000 for petroleum sites- max $300,000 (100K & 200K either type)
  - For site-specific proposals, may seek waiver of $200,000 limit and request up to $350,000
  - Up to $600,000 for assessment coalition Award
Assessment Grants

- **Assessment Coalitions:**
  - Up to $600,000 total for hazardous substance and/or petroleum
    - 3 or more eligible entities (required)
    - Must assess a minimum of 5 sites
    - Coalition applicant and their coalition members are not eligible to apply for individual Community-wide or Site-specific Assessment grants when they apply as part of a coalition.
Cleanup Grants

- Provide funding for remediation of brownfields.

- Who is eligible?
  - State, local, and tribal governments
  - Governmental and quasi-governmental agencies (Land Banks)
  - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies
  - Non-profit organizations
  *Applicants must own the property at time of proposal submission and throughout the cleanup

- Funding:
  - Up to $200,000 per site (total of 3 sites per year)
  - Requires a 20% cost share
  - **NEW** – One application for up to 3 sites (not 3 separate applications)
# Types of Grants

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Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)

- Ohio EPA and USEPA both have TBA programs
- Phase Is and Phase IIs completed using EPA contractors
- Requested by communities, non-competitive
- USEPA funds are for entire Region V
- Ohio funds are just for Ohio so approach Ohio EPA 1st
Kansas State University has a TAB grant from EPA to provide the public assistance with –

- preparing grant proposals and identifying sources of other funding, (TAB-EZ)
- developing a brownfield program,
- soliciting contractor or consultants,
- review historical site information and identifying gaps,
- assisting with the design of the investigation/sampling/field analysis,
- community engagement, and
- cleanup and redevelopment planning and visioning
Questions?

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