



# Brownfields Mission

- EPA's Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. The Program provides financial and technical assistance for brownfield revitalization, including grants for:
  - Environmental assessment
  - Cleanup
  - Job training



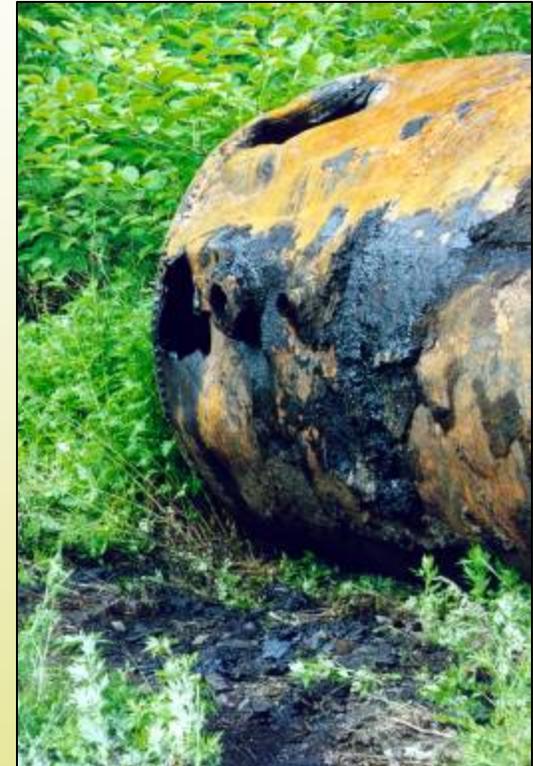
# Brownfields Definition

*“... real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.”*



# “Hazardous Substances, Pollutants, and Contaminants”

- Hazardous Substances
- Petroleum Contamination
- Asbestos & Lead Paint are eligible
- Controlled Substances (e.g., Meth labs)
- Mine-Scarred Lands
- Other environmental contaminants



*UST removal at Riverside Hills,  
Providence, Rhode Island*



# FY2009 Brownfields ARC Grant Program

- EPA received over 697 proposals
- Funded 398 grants nationally (\$112 million)
- 68 projects totaling nearly \$30 million were funded in EPA Region 5
- 23 projects totaling \$10.3 million were funded in Michigan (that's more money than any other state and 6 of the 10 EPA Regions)
- *Since 1995*, EPA has awarded brownfields grants totaling over \$670 million



# 2010 Funding Plan

- EPA anticipates total available funding of approximately \$80 million
- Grants anticipates making approximately
  - 170 assessment grants
  - 160 cleanup grants
  - 7 RLF grants (due to change in distribution, rather than amount, of RLF funds )



# Types and Amounts of EPA Brownfields Grants





# Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (ARC) Grants

- **A**ssessment
- **R**evolving Loan Fund (RLF)
- **C**leanup
- ❖ Grant types listed above commonly referred to as **ARC** Grants!
- Also referred to as:
  - 104(k) grants
  - Competitive brownfields grants
  - Pilots: out-of-date terminology



# Assessment Grant Program

- **Community-wide, Site-specific** (single site) and **Assessment Coalition Grants**.
- To inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites.
- **Community-wide**
  - Up to \$200,000 for hazardous substance (including asbestos, lead paint, other environmental hazards, or up to \$200,000 for petroleum.



# Assessment Grant Program *(con't)*

- Site-specific
  - Up to \$200,000 for petroleum or hazardous substances (or comingled)
    - ✓ Up to \$350K per property with approved waiver.
    - ✓ No more than 1 application per eligible entity.
    - ✓ Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility *Threshold requirement.*



# Assessment Grant Program *(con't)*

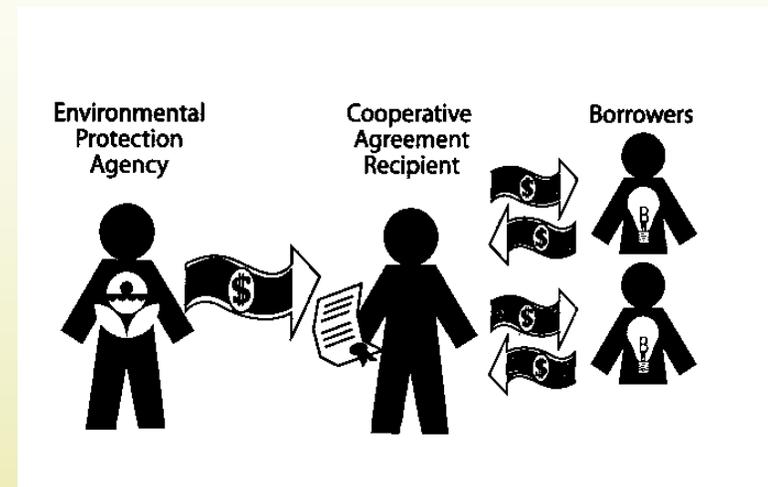
## Assessment Coalitions

- Up to \$1 million for hazardous substance and/or petroleum (e.g. \$500k hazardous, \$500k petroleum)
  - ✓ 3 or more eligible entities
  - ✓ Must assess a minimum of 5 sites
  - ✓ Coalition members are not eligible to apply for individual Community-wide or Site-specific Assessment grants in the year they apply as part of a coalition



# Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program

- To make low interest loans to carryout cleanup activities at brownfields properties.
- Up to \$1M per eligible entity
- Coalitions may apply
- (Minimum) 60% loans
- (Maximum) 40%-cleanup subgrants
- Cost share requirement of 20%
- Nonprofit organization are not eligible to apply.





# RLF Grant Program – New Policy

- Starting in FY 2010, RLF applications will only be accepted from entities which do not already have an EPA RLF grant
- Existing RLF grantees will be eligible to receive supplemental funding for their program. Decision on supplemental funding are expected in Spring of 2010.



# Cleanup Grant Program

- To carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites
- Up to \$200K per property
- Hazardous substances or petroleum contamination
- May apply for up to 3 properties: Separate proposals for each property
- Applicant applying for both hazardous substance and petroleum cleanup grant funding at the same site must submit ONE proposal, which cannot exceed \$200,000
- Non-profits may apply
- Cost share requirement of 20%



# Cleanup Grant Program – New Requirements

- Applicant must own property at time of application – EPA defines ownership as Fee Simple Title
- Application must go through public review and comment prior to submission
  - Public notice of application availability
    - How to submit comment
    - Date and location of public meeting
    - Must be published or posted by October 2nd



# Important Dates

- October 2, 2009 – Public Notice for Cleanup Grants Must Have Been Made
- October 16, 2009 – Applications Due
- April 2010 – Successful Applicants Announced



# Other EPA Brownfields Programs

## Brownfields Job Training Grant Program

- [www.epa.gov/brownfields/job.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/job.htm)

## Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Program\*

- [www.epa.gov/brownfields/tba.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/tba.htm)

*\*non-grant program that provides direct  
EPA assessment assistance to communities*



# Overview of ARC Threshold Criteria





# Threshold Criteria – Must Pass

- **Threshold Criteria** developed for ARC grants to:
  - Ensure applicants are eligible to receive assessment grants.
  - Increase likelihood of grantee success.
- **Applicant Responses to Threshold Criteria**
  - Regional Review
    - Pass/Fail
    - Must Pass All
    - Failure Means- the proposal will not be competed in the national competition



# Threshold Criteria – Must Pass

- Applicant Eligibility (ARC)
- Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority (ARC)
- Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility (Site-specific Assessment and Cleanup Only)
- Cost Share (RLF and Cleanup Only)
- Legal Authority to Manage a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF Only)
- Description of Jurisdiction (RLF Only)
- Cleanup Authority and Oversight Structure (RLF & Cleanup Only)
- Community Notification (Cleanup Only)



# Cost Share (Cleanup and RLF Only)

- Cleanup and RLF **Grant Recipients** are required to provide a 20% cost share (e.g., \$200,000 Grant has \$40,000 Match)
  - Just A **Plan** Required
    - Do Not Exceed Requirement Amount
    - Know Difference Between Leveraging and Match
- **No Federal Funds For Match**
  - The cost share may be in the form of a contribution of money, labor, material, or services from a **non-federal source**.
  - If contribution is labor, materials or other services, it must be incurred for an eligible and allowable expense.
- Hardship Waivers Can Be Requested
- **Cost Share Can Be Passed To Borrower (RLF Only)**



# Overview of ARC Ranking Criteria





# Ranking Criteria

- Proposal must have passed the “Threshold Criteria” to be “Ranked.”
- 4 Ranking Criteria Sections for ARC Applicants:
  1. Community Need
  2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success
  3. Community Engagement and Partnerships
  4. Project Benefits



# 1. Community Need (ARC Applicants)

- Community Need - Under this criterion, ARC proposals will be evaluated on:
  - Applicant's description of the health, welfare, environmental, *and*
  - Financial needs of the targeted community as it is affected by the presence of brownfields.
- ❖ *Responses should clearly identify the sources of information used in this section.*



## 2. Project Description/Feasibility of Success (ARC Applicants)

- Project Description and Feasibility of Success - Under this criterion, proposals will be evaluated on Applicant's ability to Demonstrate:
  - Reasonable approach to the project
  - Sufficient resources to complete the project, and
  - Capability to complete the project in a timely manner.



Proposals that budget the majority of grant funds for conducting site assessments will be viewed more favorably than those that focus on inventory or planning activities.



For coalitions, you must assess a minimum of five sites under the grant.



Refer to Section VI.E., *Brownfields Programmatic Requirements*, to read EPA expectations of projects funded with brownfields assessment grants.



## 3. Community Engagement and Partnerships (ARC Applicants)

- **Community Engagement and Partnerships** - Under this criterion, proposals will be evaluated on:
  - *Applicant's* plan for engaging the targeted community in the project to be funded under this grant;
  - *Extent* to which the applicant has identified and established relationships with the partners necessary to achieve the project's goals; and
  - *Extent* to which the support letters provided by community-based organizations involved with the project demonstrate specific and valuable commitments to the project.



## 4. Project Benefits (ARC Applicants)

- **Project Benefits** - Under this criterion, proposals will be evaluated on the extent to which your project's anticipated outcomes:
  - Promote general welfare through the improvement of the public health and safety, economy, and environment of the targeted community; and
  - Contribute to your overall community "vision" for the revitalization of brownfield sites.
- ❖ *Consideration will be given to how public health issues are addressed during the project, the anticipated benefits of redevelopment, and the incorporation of sustainable practices .*



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