

Site Assessment, Planning and Cleanup Grant Opportunities Webinar

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Welcome



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LAND RECYCLING

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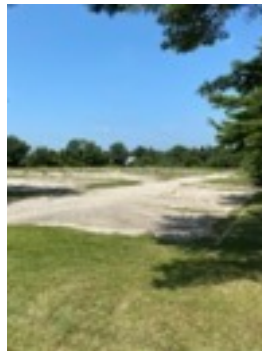
Brownfields Grants

October 2021



“Brownfields”

- Formal definition - *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*
- Practical definition - *A property where brownfields incentives can be used.*
- Land Recycling, Reuse or Redevelopment
The reuse of abandoned, vacant, or underused properties for redevelopment.
- Our objective
Using Federal, State and Local Tools for Revitalization
Lesson: To use brownfields funds, only a perception of risk is needed



Brownfields grant misconceptions

It's a field - I don't need to assess it!

For environmental costs only

That's Superfund

It needs to be on "some" list

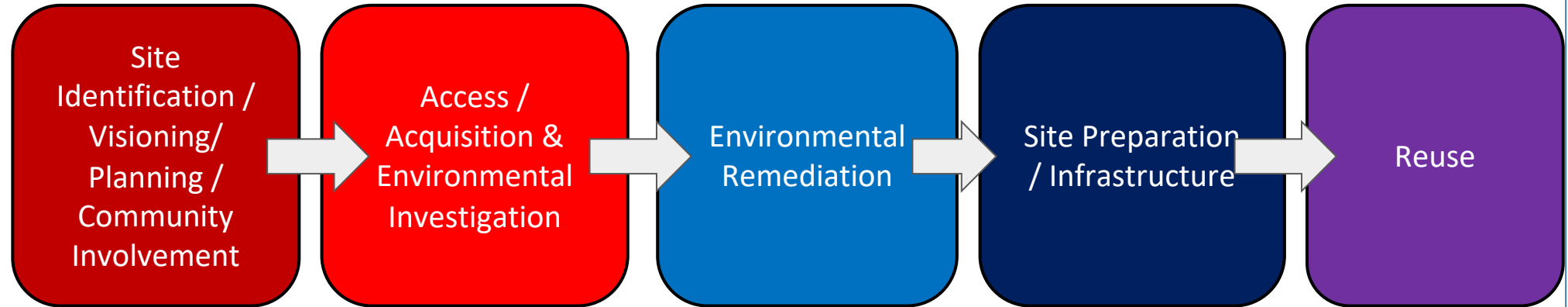
It's contaminated

Unsuitable for housing

Easier to do greenfields



The “Brownfields Reuse” Funding Process

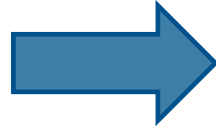


Be strategic: Think about when you need funds, and what you need to get funds

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| EPA Brownfields | | | | | |
| DTSC | | | | | |
| SGC/HCD | | | ?? | | |
| EIFD/CRIA/NIFTI | | | ?? | | |
| DOT/DOE/EDA/HUD | | | ?? | | |
| Etc.Etc. | | | | | |

The “Brownfields Reuse” Funding Process

Plans &
Partners



Address
Environmental
Risks



Revitalize

Plan & Planning

Stakeholders & Partners

Engage the community

Set Redevelopment Goals

Identify Brownfields

Leveraging

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Phase II Environmental Site Assessment

Cleanup planning

Cleanup , if necessary

Leveraged Funds

Federal
State
Local
Private



EPA Funding Assistance to California since 2015

- \$27.4M / 52 grants / \$4.5M annual
- Average grant \$440,000
- Economic development
- Parks
- Housing
- Assessment, cleanup, planning, revolving loan
- MARC grants due Dec 1
- <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/solicitations-brownfield-grants>



Funding Assistance | COGs, EDDs, EDAs, MPO

- Not just cities...
- Nevada
 - Northern Nevada Development Association
 - Western Nevada Development District
- California
 - Association of Bay Area Governments
 - Sierra Institute for Community and Environment
 - Imperial County Transportation Commission
- Oregon
 - METRO



Brownfields assessment grants

Metro works with businesses and communities to transform polluted properties into community assets. Help is available for property owners and potential buyers or developers.



Metro

Apply for grants

Use this application form to apply for a brownfields assessment grant.

[Apply now](#)

DTSC Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG)

Program Overview

New!

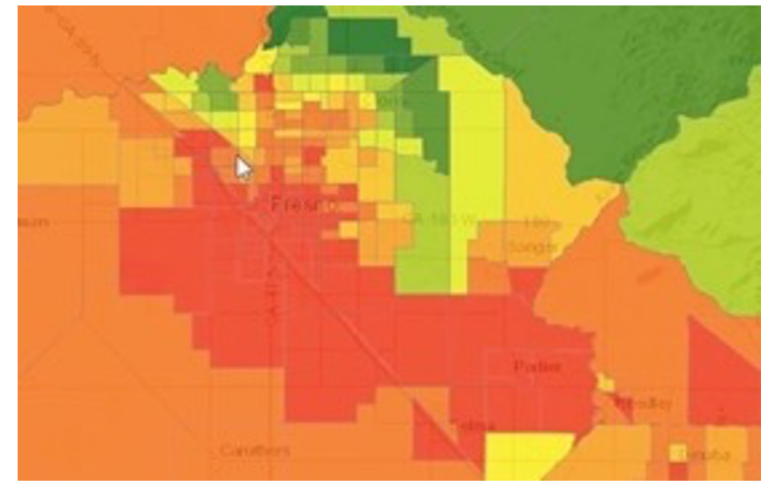
- Eligible: Government entities, not-for-profits, tribes, and participants in affordable housing projects
- Uses: Community-wide planning, inventory and assessments; and site assessment, and cleanup
- Funding: \$200M | \$70M first release
- Nov 2021 - Pre-applications due Dec 2021
- Jan 2022 Full Applications due Mar 2022
- Apr 2022 - Funding awards
- Webinar sign up: <https://www.cclr.org/events>
- <https://dtsc.ca.gov/ecrg/>

We **EnCouRaGe** environmental cleanup. We **EnCouRaGe** you to apply.

OFFICE OF BROWNFIELDS
Department of Toxic Substances Control - Cleanup In Vulnerable Communities Initiative

ECRG Eligibility

- Entity
 - Government entity: county, municipality, or other agency
 - Tribes
 - Nonprofit - 501(c)3 status
 - Own, control, or have access to property
- Site
 - Reuse is planned with significant community benefit
 - CalEnviroScreen score is 75% or higher
 - Properties with lower CalEnviroScreen scores may qualify if use is a significant community benefit: parks, jobs, affordable housing
 - Meets definition of brownfield
 - Not under an enforcement order
 - Not listed on NPL
 - No state hazardous waste facility permit
 - Not owned by federal government





ECRG

Type of applications and eligible activities

Community-wide assessments

- Community outreach
- Brownfields inventories
- Phase I ESA and PEA
- Reuse and development planning (e.g., market studies, site reuse assessments, public engagement)

Site-Specific Investigation

- Phase I & Phase II assessments (e.g., PEA and SA/SI)
- Regulatory oversight
- Community engagement
- Reuse and development planning
- Site characterization and risk assessment

Cleanup

- Cleanup plans
- Community engagement
- Remedy implementation
- Regulatory oversight
- Operation and Maintenance costs are not eligible

Apply now!

Visioning : City > Neighborhood > Parcel



Vision to Action (V2A) | Brawley CA

- Community assessment
- Goal setting
- Prioritization
- Consensus building
- Fund-raising
- Community contributions:
 - Leadership support and participation
 - Staff commitment
 - Neighborhood needing improvement
 - Ideas to be organized



Housing, Parks, Trails, Jobs



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Tips and FAQs

- **Which local departments typically get involved?**
Planning, public works, parks, economic and community development, housing, sanitation, etc.
- **What type expenses are eligible?**
Contractual, staff, some overhead
- **How can for-profits and businesses be involved?**
As partners, consultants, contractor (procurement rules apply).
- **Recovery & resiliency uses?**
- Planning around potential wildfire or flooding. Renewables.
Green infrastructure.
- **Partnerships and leveraging are vital to success.**
- **Contact CCLR at cclr.org, or ignacio.Dayrit@cclr.org**



Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR or “see clear”)

- Our mission is to promote the sustainable, equitable and responsible reuse of underutilized and environmentally impacted properties.
- We educate, advocate, assist and convene stakeholders to revitalize communities through land recycling.
- CCLR is U.S. EPA’s Technical Assistance to Brownfields Provider (TAB) for 10 states and numerous territories around the country.



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What we do

- One-on-one technical assistance
- National webinars
- Workshops and conferences
- Newsletters and online resources



How we can help you

CCLR works with communities in response to their identified needs. Start with us, stay with us.

Getting you started

Giving you the tools and connections to plan a redevelopment roadmap and champion the pathway.

Helping you stay on track

Offering current information and expert advice on regulations, funding, remediation and community engagement to meet your milestones.

Getting the job done

Sharing common documents (RFPs and marketing sheets) and introducing you to peers, industry experts, and developers.

Thank You