BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING – IT’S THERE FOR THE TAKING

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Today’s takeaways

• We need to hear from you!
• Kinds of money available
• How to get a hold of us so we can help you
What are Brownfields?

Properties with possible environmental issues that are limiting use of the site.
Why is redevelopment of brownfields valuable?

• **Stimulates** local economy, creates more jobs, increases local tax base

• **Enables** efficient land use and minimizes new service infrastructure

• **Restores** properties to active use

• **Provides** healthy sites for community priorities such as affordable housing

• **Improves** community image

• **Facilitates** resolution of environmental justice issues
Redeveloping Brownfields in Washington
Brownfields Funding

• Ecology Remedial Action Grants
• Ecology assessments using EPA State Response Program grant
• Ecology Integrated Planning Grants
• Dept. of Commerce Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund
• EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessments
• EPA Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants
How can Department of Ecology help?

• Brownfields Program / State Brownfields Team
• Remedial Action Grants
  • Oversight Remedial Action Grants
  • Independent Remedial Action Grants
  • Integrated Planning Grants (IPGs) – including affordable housing pilot project
• Assessments using EPA State Response Program Grant
Remedial Action Grants (RAG)

• Local governments eligible
• Oversight Remedial Action Grants and Loans
  – Help investigate and clean up polluted properties
  – Supervised by either Ecology or EPA under legal order or decree
• Independent Remedial Action Grants
  – Help investigate and cleanup polluted properties under Ecology’s Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP)
  – Allows independent cleanup with fee-based assistance from Ecology
• Not specifically focused on brownfield properties.
State Response Program Grant

EPA provides funding to Ecology for

– Site assessment funding
– Technical assistance for brownfields sites
– Environmental Justice and community outreach activities
– Developing a brownfields inventory
Integrated Planning Grants (IPGs)

- Integrate community planning process with site assessment
- Often first step in the cleanup and redevelopment process
- Prime the pipeline for later phases of cleanup

**Visioning**
- No matching funds

**Regulatory Analysis**

**Administrative Costs**

**Affordable Housing**

**Economic Analysis**

**Land Use Analysis**

**Redevelopment Planning**

**Site Characterization**

**Community Outreach**
How much are IPGs?

• Up to $200,000 for a single site
• Up to $300,000 for multiple sites
• No funding match required
• Very flexible – numerous covered activities
Who can receive an IPG?

• Regular IPGs - Local governments that own or are considering acquiring a brownfields property
  – Must have
    • Demonstrated interest in acquiring the property or a portion of it
    • Access to the property

• Upcoming Affordable Housing IPGs – other entities besides local governments
Affordable Housing IPGs - Healthy Housing Remediation Program

• 2018 - Ecology received IPG funding to support cleanup projects leading to creation of affordable housing
• 2019 – Additional funding pending
• Supports linking cleanup to the critical need for affordable housing
• Legislature has provided other significant funding to support affordable housing development
Upcoming solicitation for IPGs

- July 2019
- Get on our list to notify you
- Talk with us with possible projects
- Invitation to apply
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Please reach out to us
Thank you!