

EPA New England FY2019 Brownfields Grant Guidelines Workshop

DECEMBER 6, 2018 – CHELMSFORD, MA
DECEMBER 10, 2018 – MANCHESTER, NH
DECEMBER 11, 2018 – EAST HARTFORD, CT
DECEMBER 12, 2018 – PROVIDENCE, RI
DECEMBER 13, 2018 – PORTLAND, ME
DECEMBER 17, 2018 – MONTPELIER, VT



Purpose of the Workshop

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- ▶ Provide an overview of the FY2019 Brownfields Grant Guidelines.
- ▶ Review the application process and requirements.
- ▶ Provide an opportunity for Q&A.
- ▶ Should any information provided in the following slides or by the presenters differ from the Guidelines, the language written in the Guidelines shall prevail.

Brownfields Definition

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“... 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

Petroleum Contamination

Asbestos & Lead Paint

Controlled Substances (e.g., Meth labs)

Mine-Scarred Lands

Other environmental contaminants



FY2018 Brownfields ARC Awards

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	Nation-Wide	New England
Proposals Received	625	108
Proposals Selected	221	38
Assessment	169	22
Cleanup	41	14
RLF	11	2
Total Funding	\$54.3 Million	\$8.3 Million

Brownfields Funding for FY2019

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- ▶ EPA anticipates awarding 164 grants nationally for a total of \$ 56 Million:
 - 114 Assessment Grants - \$ 37 Million
 - 40 Cleanup Grants - \$ 11 Million
 - 10 Multi-Purpose Grants - \$ 8 Million



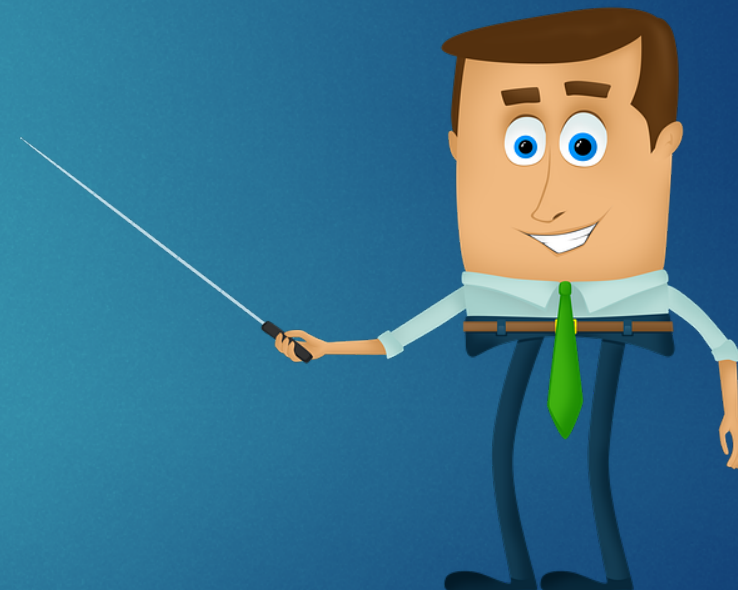
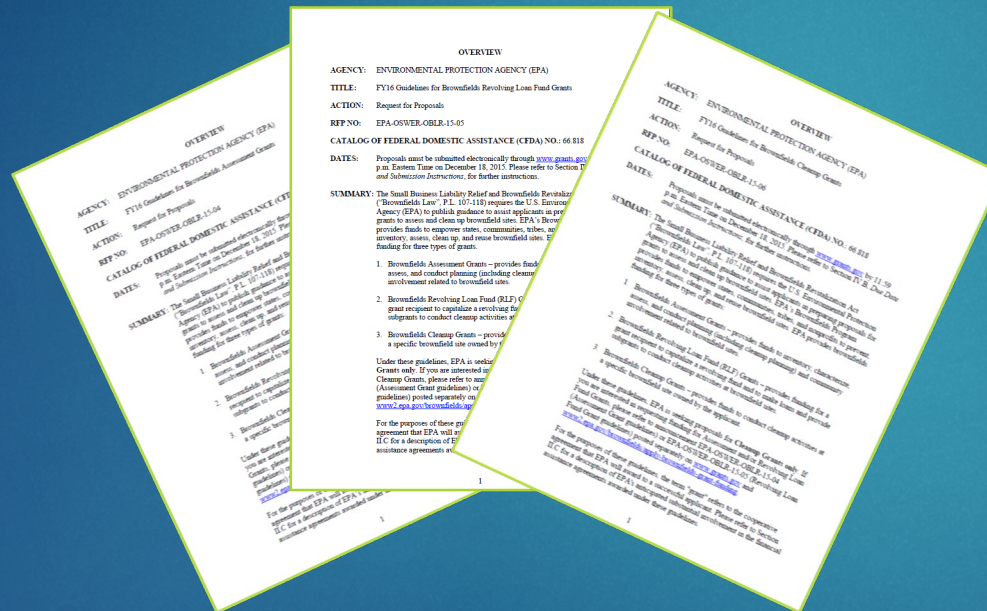
Proposal Guidelines

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USE THIS YEAR'S GUIDELINES!



BUILD Act Summary

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- ▶ The Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) enacted in March 2018.
 - Local & state government acquisition of sites no longer has to be “involuntary”.
 - Removed “of relative low risk” from petroleum eligibility.
 - Bona Fide Prospective Purchasers (BFPP) expanded to include tenants and leaseholders.
 - Non-Profits can apply for Assessment, Multipurpose & RLF grants.
 - Cleanup grant applicants can apply for up to \$500,000 per site.

BUILD Act Summary

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- Multipurpose (assessment & cleanup funds) grants are available for up to \$1,000,000.
- Administrative costs up to 5% of grant award are allowed.
- New criteria for renewable energy & energy efficient projects and waterfront development.



Oh no, they
changed the
Guidelines again!!!

Now they are shorter,
clearer, and better!!!

What's New - General

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- ▶ Everything is new – Forget about previous guidelines.
- ▶ Multipurpose grants are available as a pilot program.
- ▶ No RLF Grants this year. Will be available in FY2020.
- ▶ Can allocate up to 5% of requested funds for direct and/or indirect administrative costs. See **FAQs N.1-12**.
- ▶ Threshold Criteria have been revised and expanded.
- ▶ Ranking Criteria have been reduced to 4 items.
- ▶ Ranking Criteria page limit is now 10 pages (12 pages for Multipurpose Grants).

What's New - General

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- ▶ Demographic table has been eliminated.
- ▶ Support letters from community organizations are no longer required.
- ▶ For Regional Organizations that have previously applied for and/or received a grant, you cannot change your *Type of Applicant* on the SF424 to a nonprofit. See **FAQs B.12**.
- ▶ A complete list of changes to the Guidelines can be found in FY19 **FAQs A.1**.

What's New – Assessment Grants

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- ▶ You cannot also apply for a Multipurpose Grant.
- ▶ Non-profits and LLCs & LLPs comprised of non-profits [501(c)(3)] and community development organizations [45D(c)(1)] are now eligible entities.
- ▶ Area-Wide Planning is now part of Assessment Grants. See **pages 4-5** of the Assessment Guidelines, **FAQs F.4**, and **Planning Program Fact Sheets**.
- ▶ Community-wide applicants can now apply for up to **\$300,000** of hazardous substances and/or petroleum funding.

What's New – Assessment Grants

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- ▶ Current assessment grantees must have drawn down at least 70% of the funds from each of their grants by **January 1, 2019** in order to apply for additional assessment funding.
 - For a \$400,000 grant, you must have less than \$120,000 remaining.
 - For a \$300,000 grant, you must have less than \$90,000 remaining.
 - For a \$200,000 grant, you must have less than \$60,000 remaining.
- ▶ See **FAQs I.1-14**.

What's New – Cleanup Grants

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- ▶ You cannot also apply for a Multipurpose Grant.
- ▶ Previous Cleanup Grant recipients **cannot** apply for more funding for the same site. See **FAQs K.3**.
- ▶ You can only submit **one cleanup proposal** that addresses one or more sites for a maximum of **\$500,000**.
- ▶ This year there will be **no waivers** of the \$500,000 limit.
- ▶ Tribes, nonprofit organizations, and government entities with populations of 50,000 or fewer can request a waiver of the 20% cost share.
- ▶ Revised threshold criteria for Exemptions to CERCLA Liability.
- ▶ See **FAQs K.1-17**.

What's New – Multipurpose Grants

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- ▶ Multipurpose grants combine assessment & cleanup funds in one grant.
- ▶ This is a pilot program this year. **Only 10 grants will be awarded nationwide.**
- ▶ You cannot also apply for an Assessment or Cleanup grant.
- ▶ You can apply for up to **\$800,000** to complete at least:
 - One Phase II assessment;
 - One cleanup; and
 - A plan for revitalization.

What's New – Multipurpose Grants

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- ▶ You will be required to provide a **\$40,000 cost share**.
- ▶ If you allocate at least 70% of funds to site-specific work including site assessment, remediation and associated tasks and at least **\$200,000** for remediation, you will be evaluated more favorably.
- ▶ You must own a site that meets the CERCLA definition of a Brownfields site.
- ▶ See **FAQs L.1-7**.

► Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

- New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) at tab@njit.edu or 973-642-4165.
- NJIT TAB's free grant proposal critique services
 - ✓ Deadline for submitting your draft proposal to NJIT for review is **January 17, 2019**.
 - ✓ Send your 10 (or 12) page narrative to tab@njit.edu in **Microsoft Word** format.

► EPA National Outreach Webinar

- **December 11, 2018 at 2:00 pm ET.**
- You can join the [Webinar](#) and/or dial into the audio conference line at 1-866-299-3188/ access code: 202-566-1817

Breakout Sessions

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- ▶ Two concurrent sessions:

1. Assessment
2. Cleanup



- ▶ Assessment & Cleanup will be covered in detail.

- ▶ For potential Multipurpose Grant applicants, we will answer any specific questions you have after the Assessment Session.