



US EPA Region 5: Minnesota Brownfields Redevelopment Workshop September 19, 2012 ¹





Presentation Outline

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- Brownfields Overview
- Types and Amounts of EPA Brownfields Grants
- Brownfields Competitive Grant Process
- Other Types of Assistance
- Additional Resources and Final Questions



Brownfields Overview





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”

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



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

9/15/2012

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Benefits of Brownfields Revitalization

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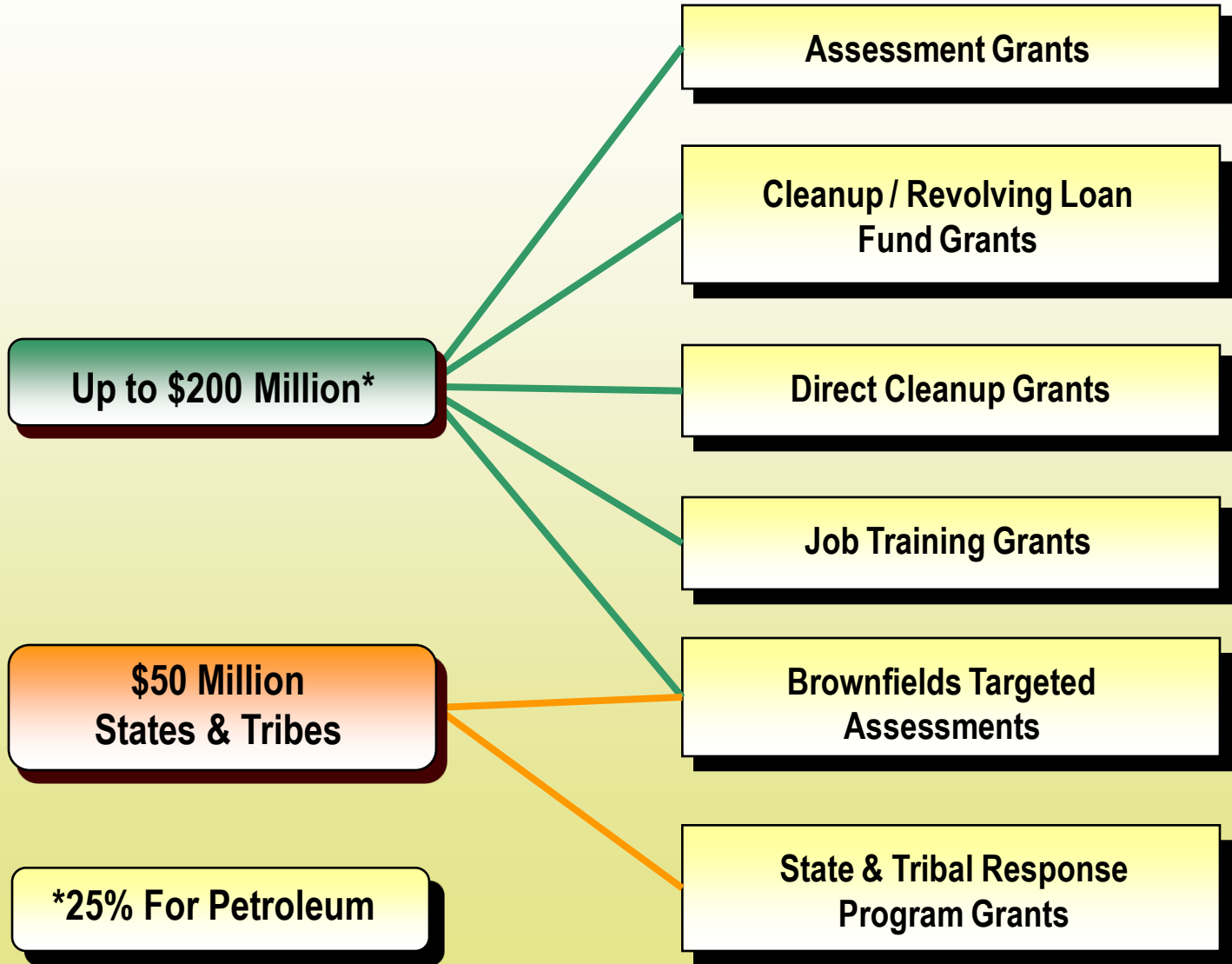
- Increases local tax base
- Facilitates new job growth
- Utilizes existing infrastructure
- Takes development pressure off undeveloped land
- Prevents sprawl
- Supports cleaner air
- Reduces habitat destruction
- Many more



The revitalized downtown in Moorhead, MN



Authorized Brownfield Funding





Applicant Eligibility (ARC Applicants)

- All applicants must describe how they are an eligible entity in order to receive an ARC grant(s).
- Eligible entities are:
 - General Purpose Unit of Local Government (as defined under 40 CFR Part 31)
 - States and Tribes
 - Quasi-government entities (e.g., regional councils, redevelopment authorities, economic development agencies, etc.)
 - **501(c)(3) Non-profits (Cleanup Grants Only)**



Assessment Grant Program

- To inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites.
- **Community-wide, Site-specific** (single site) and **Assessment Coalition Grants**.
 - **Community-wide**
 - Up to \$200,000 for hazardous substance (including asbestos, lead paint, other environmental hazards, or up to \$200,000 for petroleum.
 - Applicant can apply in **ONE community-wide assessment proposal** for \$200k Hazardous Substance and \$200k Petroleum, for a combined total of \$400k.



Assessment Grant Program *(con't)*

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- 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 Coalitions

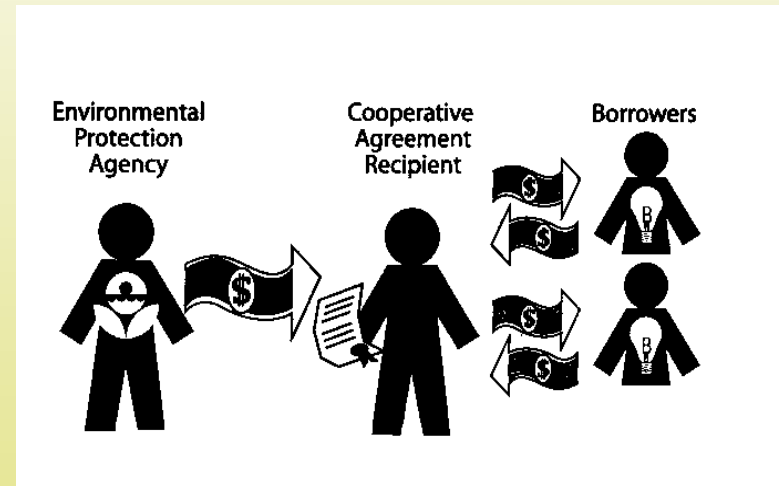
- Up to \$600K for hazardous substance and/or petroleum (e.g. \$300k hazardous, \$300k petroleum)
 - ✓ 3 or more eligible entities
 - ✓ Must assess a minimum of 5 sites
 - ✓ Coalition members are not eligible to apply for individual Community-wide or Site-specific Assessment grants in the year they apply as part of a coalition.



Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program

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- To make low interest loans to carryout cleanup activities at brownfields properties.
- Up to \$1M per eligible entity
- Coalitions may apply
- (Minimum) 50% loans
- (Maximum) 50%-cleanup subgrants
- Cost share requirement of 20%
- Nonprofit organization are not eligible to apply.





Cleanup Grant Program

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- 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%
- Community Notification (Threshold Criteria Only)
- Must own site by November 19, 2012



Application Schedule for FY2013

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- Request for Proposal – September 10, 2012
- Job Training Grant proposals due Fall 2012
- Assessment, Revolving Loan, Cleanup Fund (ARC) proposals -- due November 19, 2012
- Spring, 2013 – Award Announcements
- Funds available by October 1, 2013
- Approx. \$70-80 million awarded nationwide



FY 2012 Funding Distribution

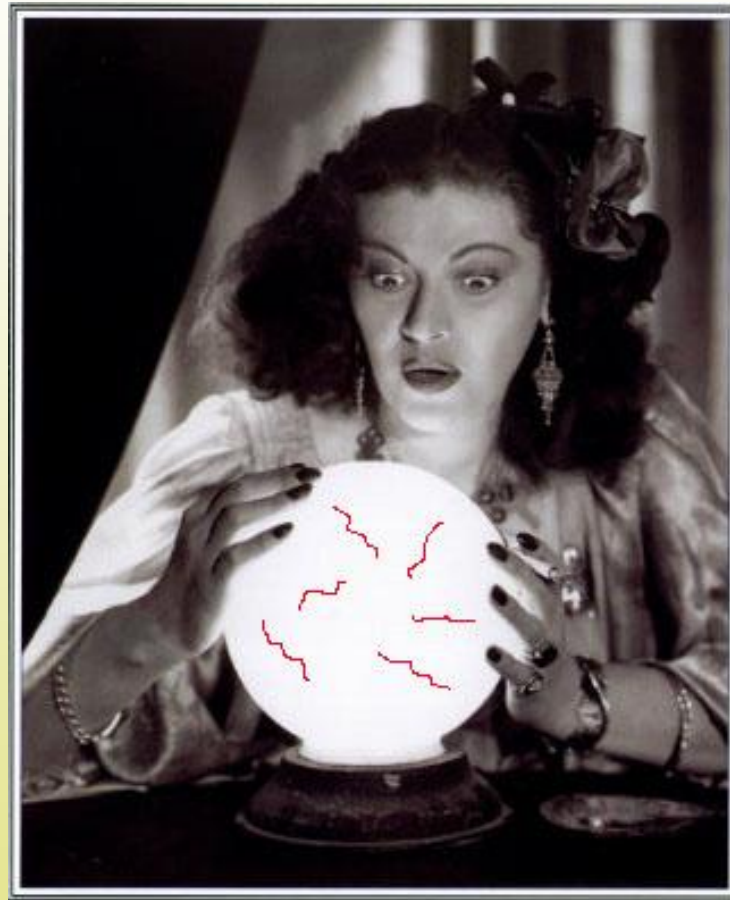
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- ARC Grants - \$60.1 M
- Supplemental RLF - \$9.2 M
- Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants - \$3M
- Area Wide Planning Grants - \$4M
- Multipurpose Pilot Grants - \$3.8 M
- Targeted Brownfield Assessments - \$5 M

TOTAL – APPROXIMATELY \$85 MILLION



What Does It Look Like for FY 2013?





What if you need help before October 2013?

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- MPCA has TBA funds through USEPA's Brownfields CERCLA 128(a) program

- Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Program*

www.epa.gov/brownfields/tba.htm

Region 5 TBA Program *

www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields/

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

- MnDEED has State and Federal grants and loans for assessment and clean-up.



Brownfields Tax Incentive

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- Allows environmental cleanup costs to be deducted in the year incurred
- Incentive allows for deduction for petroleum contamination
- Previously filed tax returns can be amended
- Expired December 31, 2011, but expected to be renewed retroactively.
- Check IRS guidance or consult qualified tax professional



Additional Resources

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- **EPA Land Revitalization Projects and Construction and Demolition (C&D) Recycling** - <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/debris-new/factsheet.htm>
- **Regional Information on-line** - www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields
- **Headquarters Information on-line** - www.epa.gov/brownfields
- **Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities** www.tabez.org
- **SmartE-Online Sustainable Management Approaches and Revitalization Tools** - www.smarte.org



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www.epa.gov/brownfields and

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- EPA Brownfields FY 2013 ARC Guidelines -
<http://www.epa.gov.oswer/grants-funding>