











2016 Comparison of Competitive State, Regional and County Brownfield Financial Resources

Frequently Asked Questions :	 Contamination Cleanup & Investigation	 Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)	 Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund	 Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund
1) What general types of brownfield grants are available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) Contamination Cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) Contamination Cleanup Investigation or cleanup Pilot within Areas of Concentrated Poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation (i.e., Environmental Site Assessment) Contamination Cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contamination Cleanup
2) Where can the grant funds be used?	Statewide	Cities participating in the Livable Communities Program within the 7-county metropolitan area (See http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Communities-Participating-in-the-Livable-Communiti.aspx?source=child)	Hennepin County	Ramsey County
3) How much money is available this funding cycle?	~\$4M	~\$3M ~\$800,000 TBRA Pilot Program	~\$1M	~\$500,000
4) Is there a matching fund requirement?	Yes, at least 25% (up to 13% may come from other grant sources)	Cleanup, No Investigation (25%)	No	No
5) Is there a <i>maximum</i> grant request amount per proposal project?	Investigation - \$50,000 Cleanup – no max	Investigation - \$75,000 per for scattered sites target area & 50% of the funding available for the cycle	No	No
6) Is there a <i>minimum</i> grant request amount per project?	No	No	No	No
7) What is the average cleanup grant <i>request</i> amount in the past 3 years?	~\$300,000	~\$342,000	varies	varies
8) What is the average cleanup grant <i>award</i> amount in the past 3 years?	~\$350,00	~\$324,000	varies	\$170,000

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<p>9) Generally, what type of activities can your program fund?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Phase II Environmental Assessment Response Action Plans Soil or ground water cleanups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Phase II Environmental Assessment Response Action Plans Soil or ground water cleanups Hazardous building materials assessments (emphasis on asbestos or lead-based paint) Soil vapor mitigation Asbestos abatement Lead-based paint abatement Demolition (on a case-by-case basis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Phase II Environmental Assessment Hazardous building materials surveys Response Action Plans Soil or ground water cleanups Soil vapor mitigation Asbestos & lead-based paint abatement (for housing projects only) Demolition (on a case-by-case basis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil or ground water cleanups Soil vapor mitigation
<p>10) Who is eligible to apply for funding?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities, Counties, Local public development authorities (Private entities typically work together with public entities to request funding) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities, Counties, Local public development authorities (Private entities typically work together with public entities to request funding) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities, Local public development authorities Private or public for-profit companies Not-for-profit organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities Local public development authorities Public and private for-profit and not-for-profit organizations

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<p>11) What types of redevelopment projects have been awarded a grant within the past 2 years?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial • Commercial • Mixed use • Multi-family Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate; rental & ownership; senior; student; supportive) • Commercial • Industrial • Mixed-use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate; rental & ownership; senior; student; supportive) • Commercial • Industrial • Mixed-use • Green space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multifamily Housing (affordable & market-rate) • Commercial • Industrial • Mixed-use
<p>12) Does the applicant need to own the property?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>13) Is there a pre-application process? (Cities may have their own pre-application process.)</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>14) Are there prerequisites? What documents are required to apply?</p>	<p>Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA City resolution of support</p>	<p>Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Hazardous Materials Assessment City resolution of support</p>	<p>Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA City resolution of support</p>	<p>Response Action Plan Response Action Plan Approval by MPCA Copy of other brownfield funder applications</p>
<p>15) Can I apply to more than one grant program at the same time?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>16) What are the funding priorities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases in property taxes • Increases in jobs • Significant contamination cleanup • Ready to begin construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases in property tax base (net tax capacity) • Increases and retention of permanent jobs • Adding affordable housing • Significant contamination cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant contamination cleanup • Ready to begin cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases in property taxes • Increases in jobs • Significant contamination cleanup • Ready to begin construction • 50/50 City of St. Paul/Suburban Ramsey split in awards
<p>17) What are some <i>other</i> important outcomes that will improve the chances of my project proposal being awarded a grant?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding housing units • Blight reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready to begin construction • Increase in density and intensity • Proximity to transit service • Proximity to regional parks and trails • Use of best practices for on-site storm water management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation or retention of affordable housing • Sustainable project attributes • Job creation & tax base increase 	
<p>18) Where do I find information about the evaluation process?</p>	<p>See application guide attached to the application forms in link below.</p>	<p>See documents under Applicant Resources at http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child</p>	<p>http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund</p>	<p>http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/NR/ronlyres/274F08FB-4C8C-4C8D-8048-F302F4D29FC8/13253/PolicyRevisions100709.pdf</p>

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<p>19) What percentage of grant requests typically receive a grant award?</p>	<p>80%</p>	<p>71%</p>	<p>90%</p>	<p>93%</p>
<p>20) Where do I find the application forms?</p>	<p>http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp (Select 'Forms' tab to download a form)</p>	<p>Online forms are listed by funding opportunity. To get started, go to the WebGrants homepage at https://metro councilgrants.org</p>	<p>http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund (Select option 'Applying for a Grant' to download a form)</p>	<p>http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ced/environmental-response-fund.htm</p>
<p>21) How many copies do I need to submit?</p>	<p>2 printed copies & 1 electronic copy</p>	<p>submit one online form per project</p>	<p>2 printed copies of application form & 1 electronic copy of form and attachments</p>	<p>One, electronic OK</p>
<p>22) When are applications due?</p>	<p>November 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)</p>	<p>November 1</p>	<p>November 1 (Loan applications are accepted anytime)</p>	<p>November 1</p>
<p>23) Is there an application fee? (Cities may require an application fee.)</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>24) When will the grants be awarded?</p>	<p>December/January</p>	<p>January</p>	<p>January/February</p>	<p>January/February</p>
<p>25) When is the earliest we can start the cleanup to be paid with grant funds? (Prior to contract execution, costs incurred are at your own risk.)</p>	<p>Depends on when RAP is approved</p>	<p>After a grant is awarded</p>	<p>Starting the day after county board approval</p>	<p>After the date of application</p>
<p>26) Can I get reimbursed with grant funds for costs already incurred?</p>	<p>Yes, up to 6 months before the application date, depending on when the RAP was approved</p>	<p>Investigation costs incurred within 180 days of application date only. No cleanup costs.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>27) Where do I find examples of successful grant awards?</p>	<p>See a list of funded projects at http://mn.gov/deed/assets/contam-cleanup-funded-projects_tcm1045-132528.xlsx</p>	<p>http://metro council.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/TBRA-Profiles.aspx</p>	<p>Contact Hennepin County Environmental Services Staff: John Evans, 612-348-4046 Gil Gabanski, 612-348-4843 Mary Finch, 612-543-1595</p>	<p>https://www.ramseycounty.us/sites/default/files/Licenses%2C%20Permits%20and%20Records/Business/Environment%20Response%20Fund%20fact%20sheet.pdf</p>
<p>28) I can't submit a proposal in this funding cycle. When is the next one?</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>
<p>29) For more information see . .</p>	<p>http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp</p>	<p>http://www.metro council.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child</p>	<p>http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund</p>	<p>https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs/environmental-response-fund</p>

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<p>30) Questions? Contact . . .</p>	<p>Kristin Lukes Director, Brownfields and Redevelopment Unit 651-259-7451 or 1-800-657-3858 Kristin.Lukes@state.mn.us</p>	<p>Marcus Martin, Livable Communities Grant Program Coordinator 651-602-1054 marcus.martin@metc.state.mn.us</p>	<p>John Evans, 612-348-4046 Gil Gabanski, 612-348-4843 Mary Finch, 612-543-1595 Hennepin County Environmental Services FAX: 612-348-8532 TDD: 612-596-6985 john.evans@hennepin.us gilbert.gabanski@hennepin.us mary.finch@hennepin.us</p>	<p>Denise Beigbeder, Community Representative Mary Lou Egan, Community Representative Phone: 651-266-8000 Fax: 651-266-8039 Email: AskCED@co.ramsey.mn.us</p>

Selected Online Resources:

Brownfields Resource Guide: <http://mnbrownfields.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/brownfields-resource-guide.pdf>

Dakota County, Redeveloping Brownfields: <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/ContaminatedSites/RedevelopingBrownfields/Pages/default.aspx>

Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund: <http://www.hennepin.us/business/property/environmental-response-fund>

Metropolitan Council, Tax Base Revitalization Account: [http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-\(TBRA\).aspx?source=child](http://www.metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/Tax-Base-Revitalization-Account-(TBRA).aspx?source=child)

Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/businesses/property-development/property-development-programs/environmental-response-fund>

Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development, Contamination Cleanup & Investigation Program: <http://mn.gov/deed/government/financial-assistance/cleanup/contamination.jsp>

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Brownfields: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/waste/waste-and-cleanup/cleanup/brownfields/index.html>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Brownfields: <http://epa.gov/brownfields/>

Minnesota Brownfields: <http://www.mnbrownfields.org/>