



Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot Program

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$250,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund (BCRLF) programs (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years), to provide financial assistance for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND PILOTS

A major component of the Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is the award of pilot cooperative agreements to States (including U.S. territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, and counties), and Indian tribes to capitalize Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF). The purpose of the pilots is to enable States, political subdivisions, and Indian tribes to make low interest loans to carryout cleanup activities at brownfields properties.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES AND COALITIONS

Since 1997, EPA has expanded the scope of eligibility for the BCRLF pilot applicants. In *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund, October 2000*, eligible entities for BCRLF pilots were States, political subdivisions, and Tribes that have established and could demonstrate the progress already made in the assessment, cleanup and revitalization of brownfields in the community. Proposals from coalitions, formed among eligible entities, also were permitted to apply, but a single eligible entity had to be identified as the legal recipient.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES FOR BCRLF LOANS

Use of BCRLF loan funds is limited to brownfields properties that have been determined to have an actual release or substantial threat of release of a hazardous substance. Loans may also be used at sites with a release or substantial threat of release of a pollutant or contaminant that may present an imminent or substantial danger to public health or welfare. BCRLF loans may not be used for activities at any site: (1) listed (or proposed for listing) on the National Priorities List; (2) at which a removal actions must be taken within six months; or (3) where a federal or state agency is planning or conducting a response enforcement action.

SELECTION PROCESS

BCRLF Pilots are selected through a competitive process. All proposals are initially evaluated by U.S. EPA Regional evaluation panels. The panels consist of EPA Regional staff, including Regional Brownfields Coordinators, and other Federal Agency representatives. The panels assess how well the proposal meets the selection criteria outlined in *Proposal Guidelines*. Final selection of pilots is made by EPA Senior Management, following the Regional panel reviews.

For the complete information of the BCRLF proposal guidelines see: *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund, (October 2000)*; *Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Marketing Guide and Tool Kit (May 2000)*; *Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Administrative Manual (May 1998)*; and *Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Model Terms & Conditions (October 1998)*. These documents are located on the EPA Brownfields website at <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/rlflocat.htm>.

Use of BCRLF Pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funding also apply to BCRLF funds.

BCRLF PILOTS AWARDED

The most recent announcement of 22 new BCRLF pilots and three awards for existing coalitions was made in April 2001 for a total funding of \$26 million. Awards of up to \$1 million per eligible entity were made. Beginning in 1997, EPA awarded 23 BCRLF pilots at \$350,000 each. Of the 1997 BCRLF pilots, seven pilots were selected to receive supplemental funding of \$150,000 each. In 1999, 45 BCRLF pilots were awarded, and 37 pilots were awarded in FY 2000. The FY 1999 - 2000 individual pilots were eligible for awards of up to \$500,000. Coalitions were eligible to receive awards of up to \$500,000 per eligible entity. Supplemental funding was also awarded to three of the existing pilots in FY2000 in amounts ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

BCRLF pilots are:

- Albuquerque, NM (with Bernalillo County)('00)
- Aurora, CO('00)
- Austin, TX('99)
- Baltimore, MD('97)
- Battle Creek, MI('99)
- Berlin, CT('00)
- Boston, MA('97)*
- Bridgeport, CT('97)*
- Brockton, MA('99)
- Bucks County, PA('00)
- Carson, CA('00)
- Cedar Rapids, IA('99)
- Central Massachusetts Economic Development Authority, MA (Worcester)('99)
- Charleston, SC('00)
- Charlotte, NC('99)
- Chicago, IL('99)
- Clearwater, FL('99)
- Clairton, PA ('00)
- Columbia, SC('99)
- Columbus, OH('99)
- Commerce City, CO('97)*
- Cowpens, SC('99)

- Cuyahoga County, OH('97)
- Dearborn, MI('00)
- Des Moines, IA('99)
- Detroit, MI('97)
- Duquesne, PA('00)
- East Palo Alto, CA('99)
- Emeryville, CA('99)
- Escambia County, FL('99)
- Essex County Improvement Authority, NJ('01)
- Evanston, WY('99)
- Fayetteville, FL('00)
- Ft. Worth, TX('01)
- Franklin Regional Council of Governments, MA (on behalf of Colrain and Greenfield)('99)
- Gloucester, MA('00)
- Gretna, LA('00)
- Hagerstown, MD('99)
- Hamilton, OH('00)
- Hartford, CT('99)
- Hennepin County, MN('99)
- Hillsborough County, FL('00)
- Hudson County, NJ ('99)
- Indianapolis, IN('97)
- Jackson County, MI('01)
- Jacksonville, FL('99)
- Kansas City, MO('00)
- Kemmerer, WY('99)
- Lansing, MI('01)
- Las Vegas, NV('99)
- Lawrence, MA('99)
- Lehigh County, PA('00)
- Lewiston, ME('00)
- Lockland, OH('00)
- Long Beach, CA('99)
- Lowell, MA('99)
- Luzerne County, PA('00)
- Lynn, MA('99)
- Lynwood, CA('01)
- Mansfield, OH('01)
- McKeesport, PA('00)
- Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, MA('01)
- Mystic Valley Development Commission, MA (representing Malden, Medford, and Everett)('99)
- Naugatuck Valley River Communities, CT (with Danbury)('00)
- Neville Township, PA('00)
- New Bedford, MA('00)
- New Milford, CT('01)
- New Orleans, LA('97)
- Niagara County, NY (with Niagara Falls)('99)
- Northampton, PA('00)
- Oakland, CA('00)
- Orono, ME('01)
- Philadelphia, PA('97)
- Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, MA (with Chicopee, Springfield, and Westfield)('99)

- Pittsburgh, PA('97)
- Portland, ME('99)
- Portland, OR('99)
- Raleigh, NC('01)
- Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany Parishes, LA('01)
- Richmond, VA('97)
- Rockford, IL('00)
- Roseville, MN('00)
- Sacramento, CA('97)*
- Saginaw County, MI('01)
- Shreveport, LA('99)+
- Sioux City, IA('01)
- Somerville, MA('99)
- South Florida Regional Planning Council (with Miami-Dade County & Cities of Ft. Lauderdale & Miami)(('01)
- St. Louis County, MO('99)
- Stamford, CT('99)+
- Stockton, CA('00)
- Taunton, MA('01)
- Toledo, OH('00)
- Trenton, MI ('00)
- Trenton, NJ('97)*+
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS('00)
- Washington, District of Columbia('99)
- Waterloo, IA('01)
- Wayne County, MI('99)
- West Central Municipal Conference, IL('97)
- Wheeling, WV('99)
- Winchester, CT('01)
- Winston-Salem, NC('00)
- Yonkers, NY('99)
- State of Arizona (on behalf of Phoenix and Tucson)(('99);
- State of Colorado (on behalf of Denver, Englewood, Lakewood, and Loveland)(('99) joined by CO Department of Public Health and the City of Westminster('01)
- State of Illinois (with Canton, East Moline, Freeport, Galva, Lacon, and Waukegan)(('99)
- State of Indiana('97)
- State of Maryland (on behalf of Baltimore County and Prince Georges County)(('00)
- State of New Hampshire (with Durham, Londonderry, Concord, and the Office of State Planning)(('99) joined by the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, City of Nashua, and the Towns of Bradford and Greenfield)(('01)
- State of Nevada (Department of Environmental

- Protection and Mineral County)(('01)
- State of Ohio (on behalf of Lima and Cleveland)(('01)
- State of Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality ('01)
- State of Oregon (with City of Coos Bay and Tri-Metro)(('00)
- State of Rhode Island('00)
- State of South Carolina (on behalf of City of Anderson, Towns of Johnston, Yemassee, & Kershaw County)(('00) joined by (Department of Health and Environmental Control on behalf of Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, and Spartanburg Counties, and the Towns of Bluffton, Lyman and Ware Shoals, and the City of Greenville)(('01)
- State of Washington (with City of Tacoma, and City of Seattle/King County)(('00)
- State of West Virginia('01)

*Pilots selected to receive supplemental funding in 1998;

+Pilots selected to receive supplemental funding in 2000.

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