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EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Funds News Supplemental Funding

The next round of Revolving Loan Fund supplemental funding is now available.

- **Eligibility:** You must have a grant beginning with BF and have made at least one subgrant or loan to be eligible for supplemental funds.
- **Due Date:** Request letters must be postmarked by **February 11, 2009**.

If you are interested in applying, please contact [Joe Ferrari](#) at 617-918-1105.

New Fact Sheet

[Unlocking Brownfields Redevelopment: Establishing a Local Revolving Loan Fund Program, Brownfields Solution Series](#) - This Brownfields Solutions Series factsheet provides an overview to those interested in applying for an RLF grant, and information to new RLF grantees on how to establish an RLF program.



The Big Deal 2009

The [National Brownfield Associations](#) and its partner, the City of Phoenix, a leader in green building, invite you to [THE BIG DEAL 2009](#), at the Phoenix Convention Center, March 24 & 25, 2009.

- **Early-Bird Registration Ends December 15. Save \$100 on Conference Admission.** [Click here.](#)
- Find out how to be an [exhibitor](#) or [sponsor](#).
- Do you have a brownfield property for redevelopment? Showcase your property at the [Brownfield Transaction Forum](#).



Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Grant Program RFP

[Guidelines are now available](#) for preparing proposals to receive financial assistance through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a unique community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxic pollutants and environmental concerns from all sources. The CARE grant program works with the eligible entities to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop an understanding of the many local sources of risk from toxic pollutants and environmental concerns, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. CARE's long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve human health and local environments into the future. The objective of the CARE grant program is to work collaboratively within the community to investigate the effectiveness of the CARE process--whether this cross-Agency, multi-media program provides greater environmental benefits than either non-collaborative or single media approaches.

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply for funding.
Deadline is March 16, 2009



ACRES Training

The 2009 [online ACRES training schedule](#) is now available. The dates and times are:

- Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 2 pm EST
- Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 2 pm EST
- Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 2 pm EST
- Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 2 pm EST
- Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 2 pm EST
- Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 2 pm EST

The [Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System \(ACRES\)](#) is an online database for Brownfields grantees to electronically submit data directly to EPA.



Sustainable Sites Initiative Released Draft 2008 Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks

The Sustainable Sites Initiative is an interdisciplinary partnership led by the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the United States Botanic Garden and a diverse group of stakeholder organizations, including the US EPA, working together to foster a transformation in land development and management practices. Through the creation and implementation of clear and rigorous design, construction, operations, and maintenance criteria, the Initiative aims to supplement existing green building and landscape guidelines as well as to become a stand-alone tool for site sustainability.

On November 10th, the Sustainable Sites Initiative released the *Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks Draft 2008* for public comment. This important milestone builds on the initial *Standards and Guidelines: Preliminary Report* released in November of last year.

The new draft contains over 50 proposed prerequisites and credits ranging from site selection to sustainable maintenance practices. The metrics' format will be similar to existing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) tools in structure and will include the following components:

- Credit intent
- Ecosystem services addressed
- Social and economic benefits
- Requirements
- Submittal documentation
- Technologies and strategies
- Resources

The *Guidelines and Performance Benchmarks Draft 2008* are available for download and public comment at <http://www.sustainablesites.org/report>.

The public comment period closes on **January 20, 2009**. To participate in the review process, visit <http://www.sustainablesites.org/review>.



Brownfields 2009

The next Brownfields Conference is scheduled for **November 16 – 18, 2009** in New Orleans.

- [Call for Ideas](#) is open. Due date is **May 2009**.
- [Exhibitor](#) information.
- Become an [Endorser](#).
- Visit the [Brownfields 2009 Website](#)



Digging In: The Theory and Practice of Ecological Landscaping Conference
February 27-28, 2009
MassMutual Center
Springfield, MA

The conference features over eighteen seminars and workshops presented by passionate practitioners, talented writers, and prominent educators in the fields of landscaping, gardening, eco-design solutions, and more. Sessions explore all aspects of ecological, sustainable and organic landscaping, including minimizing water use, developing healthy soils, supporting urban and suburban forests, and designing and building gardens with diversity and native populations in mind.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



Federal Economic Development Forum March 15-17, 2009 in Alexandria, VA

The 2009 IEDC Federal Economic Development Forum will bring together economic developers from across the nation to discuss federal policy, programs, and issues with their peers and engage with Federal leaders. The current state of the economy and the nation's energy policy pose significant challenges while also creating substantial opportunities for economic developers. With a brand new presidential administration, a new Congress and complex issues demanding a renewed Federal policy presence there has never been a more important time to attend the IEDC Federal Economic Development Forum.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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