



Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Municipal Brownfields Assessment and Inventory Grant Program Outline

BACKGROUND:	The Department of Economic and Community Development Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) was established to further the State of Connecticut’s (State) commitment to eliminating brownfield properties in Connecticut. Investments in contaminated properties are proven to stimulate job creation and increase tax revenue at both the state and local levels.
PURPOSE:	The purpose of this grant program is to provide funds to characterize, assess, and conduct remediation related planning on priority brownfield sites within a municipality or region.
GOAL:	To invest in the identification and assessment of brownfield sites that are considered development priorities for a municipality or region. The goal is to fund approximately fifteen (15) projects that will perform site specific assessments on a development priority basis and further increase the number of properties available for development in the OBRD Brownfield Inventory Sites GIS Map . Additional goals include leveraging the maximum amount of non-State funds possible to increase the amount of identified priority properties that can be assessed within a community; and to boost economic activity based on submitted proposals that are ready to begin.
ADMINISTRATION:	DECD Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:	Municipalities and economic development agencies, as defined under Public Act 13-308 , Sec. 1.
APPLICATION CYCLE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on February 7, 2014 for State Fiscal Year 2013-2014 funding. The application and other program material are available at the OBRD website. • Questions related to the NOFA should be emailed to DECD.Browfields@ct.gov by December 31, 2013. Responses to questions will be posted on the OBRD website by January 8, 2014. • Awards will be made on or about February 21, 2014.
TARGET GEOGRAPHY:	Statewide
TYPE OF FUNDING:	Grants of up to \$200,000 per application
SOURCE OF FUNDING:	Approximately \$2 million of State General Obligation bond funds through DECD will be made available under this NOFA.

<p>THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must utilize the OBRD Application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted by DECD. • Applicants must provide evidence of their ability to have access to sites that will be the subject of environmental assessment (including access obtained through Sec. 22a-133dd of the Conn. Gen. Stat.) • Applicants must be in good standing with any existing DECD financial assistance agreements.
<p>TERMS & CONDITIONS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECD funds will be offered as grants based on project needs and DECD underwriting. • Applicants will be required to identify priority sites with potential contamination within their community for which this assessment funding will be utilized. These sites will become part of the inventory of properties placed in OBRD Brownfield Inventory Sites GIS Map. Applicants will be required to compile the site inventory into a compatible format. • Funding would be subject to State and Municipal bidding procedures for contracting.
<p>EVALUATION CRITERIA:</p>	<p>All proposals received by the deadline will be rated and ranked on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community impact • Financial Need (including unemployment and poverty rate and median household income) • Project Feasibility (including use of funds), leveraging and Readiness to Proceed • Responsible Growth and Livability Initiatives • Applicant Capacity and Experience (including past performance) <p>Projects will be rated and ranked using the DECD Rating and Ranking form located at the OBRD Website.</p>
<p>DECD CONTACT:</p>	<p>Donald Friday at 860-270-8063 or Don.Friday@ct.gov</p>

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