

## *What is the Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program?*

The NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program provides an easy and flexible way to reduce the cost of Brownfield redevelopment in New York City. Grants assist brownfields throughout the development process, from the earliest stages of information gathering through environmental investigation and cleanup work. Grants are intended to make redevelopment on Brownfield sites more competitive with clean properties.

## *What services and activities are fundable?*

The BIG Program offers funding for over 100 individual environmental and land development services including Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, pro formas, geophysical studies, soil sampling, groundwater sampling, vapor sampling, Phase II Reports, Remedial Investigation Work Plans, soil removal, paving, contaminated soil removal and disposal, Remedial Action Work Plans and environmental insurance. For a comprehensive list of eligible services and activities see the BIG Program Technical Specifications document at [www.nyc.gov/BIGapplications](http://www.nyc.gov/BIGapplications).

## *What types of projects are eligible?*

Generally, eligible projects are sites within NYC with the presence or likely presence of any hazardous substance within the property boundary. The BIG Program provides greater funding to **Preferred Community Development Projects**, such as affordable housing developments, brownfield redevelopment projects within Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) boundaries and development projects that will provide amenities to local communities such as open space or community facilities. Projects must be enrolled in the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program to be eligible for Cleanup or Environmental Insurance grants.

### **Want to know more?**

For information on the BIG Program or to download a copy of the BIG Program Report visit:

- [www.nyc.gov/BIG](http://www.nyc.gov/BIG)

To submit an application to the BIG Program or for inquires about how to become a Qualified Vendor contact the BIG Program Administrator at:

- [Grants@NYCBIG.info](mailto:Grants@NYCBIG.info)
- (212) 380-1562

## *How much funding is available per project?*

Most projects are eligible for up to \$60,000 in grant funding, with an add-on \$25,000 bonus grant for any site that is remediated to Track-1 (permanent) clean up standards. **Preferred Community Development Projects** are eligible for up to \$100,000 in grant funding, and are also eligible for the Track-1 bonus cleanup grant. In addition, a Preferred Community Development Project site designated by the NYS Department of State as a BOA Strategic Property is eligible for an additional add-on bonus grant of \$10,000.

## *Who chooses what vendor performs work at my site?*

You do. However, the BIG Program requires that all services and activities eligible for reimbursement be performed by a qualified professional who is registered with the BIG Program as a Qualified Vendor. Applying to become a BIG Program Qualified Vendor is a simple, non-competitive process and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.