

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Grants Application Summary

In April 2007, Mayor Michael Bloomberg released *PlaNYC; A Greener Greater New York* (PlaNYC), a sustainability plan designed to address the needs of the City's expanding population which is expected to reach nine million by 2030. One of the critical focus areas of PlaNYC is addressing brownfields throughout New York. To this end, the City of New York is pursuing federal funding to provide for the investigation and remediation of brownfield sites throughout the Boroughs.

If awarded, the grants will focus on funding the Community Brownfield Grant Program. The Community Brownfield Grant Program is being established as a companion initiative to NYC's Brownfield Cleanup Program housed in the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER). During the three years OER has been in existence, the office has been able to create a wide range of brownfield initiatives designed to support the ambitious goals of PlaNYC. Through ongoing efforts, OER recognizes that there are clear patterns of brownfield sites that cluster in communities of need. While some OER resources are available, limited OER investigation funding is not always sufficient to jump start priority brownfield redevelopment projects in these communities. Award of the EPA assessment and revolving loan fund grants will provide needed investigation and remediation funds, which can then be leveraged by OER's Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program funding to ensure that priority community projects are investigated and remediated and thus able to move toward redevelopment.

For further information...

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OER's EPA Brownfields
Grants Applications**

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The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) annually offers grants for environmental assessment and grants to capitalize remediation revolving loan funds for this purpose. The City will be applying for a \$200,000 Hazardous Substance Assessment grant, a \$200,000 Petroleum Assessment grant and a \$1,000,000 Revolving Loan Fund grant. If awarded, these grant funds can be used to cover a variety of expenses related to environmental investigation and remediation at brownfield sites containing either hazardous substance or petroleum contamination.

Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. (BRS) has been hired to prepare and submit the EPA grant applications, which are fairly competitive. On average, one-third of applications submitted every year are awarded. Over the past nine years, BRS has obtained more than \$57 million in grant funding.