

## NYC Releases Draft Regulations for Grant Program to Support Brownfield Cleanup

The New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation is pleased to announce the release of draft regulations for the NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program to encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield properties in New York City. The BIG Program provides funds to brownfield projects from the earliest stages of project development through remediation. Total grant award amounts vary, but generally range between \$60,000 and \$100,000 for most brownfield projects. The program is expected to open in May 2010.

The BIG Program is designed to be easy and flexible to use and is intended to provide funding for pre-development design, environmental investigation, environmental cleanup, and environmental insurance. Grant applications will be available online, and funds awarded will be paid directly to a qualified vendor performing the work. A list of all Qualified Vendors and eligible activities will be provided to grant applicants during the BIG application process.

### NYC BIG Program Grant Award Types & Amounts

#### Standard Grants

- **Pre-development Grants:** up to \$5,000 to \$10,000
- **Environmental Investigation Grants:** up to \$10,000 to \$25,000
- **Cleanup Grants and Environmental Insurance Grants:** up to \$60,000 to \$100,000

#### Special Grants

- **Unrestricted (Track One) Bonus Cleanup Grants:** up to \$25,000
- **E-Designation/Restrictive Declaration Hazardous Material Sites Remediation Grants:** up to \$5,000
- **Technical Assistance Grants for Non-Profits:** up to \$5,000 to \$10,000
- **BOA Strategic Property Bonus Cleanup Grants:** up to \$10,000
- **BOA Local Match Grants:** up to \$25,000

### NYC BIG Program Grants of Particular Interest to Brownfield Developers

- **Pre-development Grants** fund title searches, zoning analyses, pro forma financial analyses, and Phase 1 site assessments.
- **Environmental Investigation Grants** fund soil, groundwater, and soil vapor investigations.
- **Cleanup Grants** fund the development of a remedial action work plan; soil or fill removal, transport, treatment and disposal; and placement of a cover.

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#### Download the draft regulations:

[www.nyc.gov/BIGreg](http://www.nyc.gov/BIGreg)