

## NYC Releases Draft Regulations for Grant Program to Support Community Based Brownfield Activities

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 for community-based brownfield projects, total grant awards will generally range up to \$100,000-\$140,000. Local match grants for Brownfield Opportunity Area program grantees range up to \$25,000. The program is expected to open in May 2010.

Preference is given in the BIG program to **Preferred Community Development Projects** which include affordable housing, projects consistent with strategic brownfield goals established in a BOA plan, or community facility projects. Special bonus cleanup grants are also available for **Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Strategic Properties** identified by BOA grantees during the BOA planning process.

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### Public Hearing:

10 AM, April 16, 2010  
110 William Street  
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Room 4A/B

### Download the draft regulations:

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

## NYC BIG Program Grant Award Types & Amounts

### Special Grants

- **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

### 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
- **E-Designation/Restrictive Declaration Hazardous Material Sites Remediation Grants:** \$5,000
- **Unrestricted (Track One) Bonus Cleanup Grants:** \$25,000

## NYC BIG Program Grants of Particular Interest to Community-Based Developers

- **Pre-Development Grants** fund activities such as title searches, zoning analyses, pro forma financial analyses, and Phase I environmental site assessments.
- **Technical Assistance Grants** fund consulting services for activities such as project planning and visioning; assessment of the viability of a brownfield project; development and/or review of documents required by the BIG Program or the Local Brownfield Cleanup Program; selection of qualified vendors; preparation of a budget; and review of brownfield project sequencing and scheduling. For non-profits interested in preparing an application for the BOA program, Technical Assistance Grants may also fund consulting services for the development of a BOA application.
- **BOA Local Match Grants** assist recipients of state BOA grants in meeting their 10% local match requirements.