



Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Brownfields Program



Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund & Subgrant Program

Program Summary & Types of Financing

The Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund and Subgrant Program (RLF) provides flexible low-interest loans to eligible, credit-worthy public- and private-sector entities to hire consultants and contractors to conduct cleanup planning and remedial activities at contaminated properties. Depending on the availability of EPA funds, subgrants are often available to eligible entities including municipalities, redevelopment authorities and non-profits. With limited exceptions, funding for subgrant-eligible entities will include a combined loan-subgrant. Project selection and financial terms are guided by PVPC's Brownfields Advisory Committee through its Loan Review Subcommittee.

The RLF is restricted to sites contaminated with hazardous substances; sites with co-mingled petroleum releases may also be eligible. In order to be eligible, site owners must not be responsible for contamination of the site, and must have performed 'All Appropriate Inquiry' due diligence prior to site acquisition. Phase I and Phase II site assessment activities must generally be complete prior to the start of RLF-funded cleanup work.

Application Process

The application process for RLF funds is split into two steps. The Part I application captures project summary information and information needed to meet EPA eligibility requirements. Following EPA's eligibility approval, the Part II application involves financial information and due diligence checks, with guidance from the Brownfields Advisory Committee's Loan Review Subcommittee.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Andrew Loew at aloew@pvpc.org or (413) 781-6045 with any questions. *Applicants should allow at least 6-8 weeks' lead time before desired startup of any RLF-funded cleanup activities to allow for completion of the application and review process and to conduct EPA's required planning and public outreach processes.*

Detailed information about the RLF program and application process and EPA-mandated planning steps is available in PVPC's RLF Guide and EPA Tasks Checklist:

www.pvpc.org/brownfields/docs/PVPC_RLF_Guide_v4-13.doc

www.pvpc.org/brownfields/docs/PVPC_RLF_EPA_Tasks_Checklist_v4-13.doc

Application forms are available here:

www.pvpc.org/brownfields/docs/PVPC_RLF_Part_I_Application_v4-13.doc

www.pvpc.org/brownfields/docs/PVPC_RLF_Part_II_Application_v4-13.doc



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