

## **FY19 Summary of the Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Guidelines Changes** (as of 11/28/18)

The **Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act** was enacted in March 2018 as part of the FY 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The BUILD Act reauthorized EPA's Brownfields Program and made changes that affect the grant programs, and ownership and CERCLA liability. Program changes include:

- Expanded eligibility for nonprofit organizations that are 501(c)(3) and certain limited liability corporations to receive Assessment and RLF Grants.
- Increased funding for Cleanup Grants from up to \$200,00 per site to up to \$500,000 per site.
- Established a Multipurpose Grant for brownfields planning, inventory, characterization, and remediation activities; up to \$800,000 per grant.
- Added new statutory evaluation criteria - the extent to which the grant will:
  - address a site adjacent to body of water or in a federally-designated flood plain,
  - facilitate location of a facility generating renewable electricity from wind/solar/geothermal, or any energy efficiency improvement project at a brownfield site.
- Removed Administrative Cost Prohibition; recipients may use up to 5% of the amount of EPA funding on administrative costs.

The BUILD Act also includes amendments to site ownership and liability requirements:

- Clarified the types of state and local government acquisitions that are exempt from CERCLA liability if the government did not cause or contribute to the contamination. Added acquisitions "through seizure or otherwise in connection with law enforcement activity" as included in the statutory exemption and removed the requirement that state and local governments show that the government's acquisition was "involuntary."
- Excluded Alaska Native Village Corporations and Alaska Native Regional Corporations and certain successors in interest from the CERCLA definition of "owner or operator" as long as they did not cause or contribute to the contamination in cases where property was conveyed from U.S. government under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.
- Removed requirement that petroleum sites be of "relatively low risk, as compared with other petroleum-only sites in the State" to be eligible for Brownfields Grant funding.
- Codified a provision that publicly owned brownfield sites (for example, sites owned by government entities) are eligible for grant funds for property acquired prior to January 11, 2002, as long as the entity did not cause or contribute to the contamination.
- Revises the definition of a bona fide prospective purchaser (BFPP) to include those who acquire a leasehold interest in a property and meet certain criteria.

For additional information on the 2018 BUILD Act, please review the [Division N of the Consolidated Appropriation Act](#).

Applicants applying for a **Multipurpose Grant** are not eligible to apply for an Assessment Grant or Cleanup Grant in the same competition year. This document does not include information on the Multipurpose Grant. Please refer to the Multipurpose Grant Guidelines for more information.

A solicitation for new **Revolving Loan Fund Grants** will not be issued in FY 2019. EPA expects to solicit requests from existing, high-performing RLF Grant recipients supplemental funding through a Federal Register notice in early 2019.

CHANGES TO THE ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP GRANT GUIDELINES		
Topic	FY18 Assessment and Cleanup Guidelines	FY19 Assessment and Cleanup Guidelines
General Information		
I.B. Uses of Grant Funds	<p>Prior to the enactment of the BUILD Act, applicants were prohibited from using brownfields funding for administrative costs.</p> <p>“Administrative costs, such as indirect costs of grant administration, with the exception of financial and performance reporting costs.”</p>	<p>Per the BUILD Act, applicants may use up to 5% of the amount of EPA funding for administrative costs.</p> <p>“Administrative costs, such as indirect costs of grant administration in <b>excess of five (5) percent of the total grant funding</b>, with the exception of financial and performance reporting costs.”</p>
I.E. Supporting Environmental Justice	Included paragraphs and information that described Sustainable and Equitable Development Outcomes.	Removed the stand-alone paragraphs describing Sustainable and Equitable Development Outcomes and integrated the information within the Supporting Environmental Justice paragraph. Applicants should discuss and provide specific examples of how the proposed Brownfield project will address environmental justice challenges.
IV.C. Content and Form of Proposal Submission	The Narrative Proposal was limited to 15 single-spaced typed pages.	The narrative is limited to <b>10</b> single-spaced typed pages.
IV.D. Cover Letter → Narrative Information Sheet	This section was known as the Cover Letter.	The Cover Letter is now known as the Narrative Information Sheet. Applicants should only include information requested.
IV.D. Narrative Information Sheet – Signature	An official with the authority to commit the applicant’s organization to the project was required to sign the Cover Letter.	Applicants are no longer required to sign the Narrative Information Sheet since the Authorized Organization Representative is required to sign and submit the entire application package in <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> .

<p>IV.D. Narrative Information Sheet – Population Data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide the general population of your jurisdiction.</li> <li>• If you are not a municipal form of government, provide the population of the municipality of the identified target area(s). Tribes must provide the number of tribal/non-tribal members affected.</li> </ul>	<p>Requests applicants to provide population data for the city/town in which they are located or the cities/towns of the target area(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are a city/town, provide the population of your jurisdiction.</li> <li>• If you are a county/parish/borough, state, or regional organization that covers a geographic area with more than one city/town, provide the population of the city/town in which each priority site/target area is located.</li> <li>• If you are a nonprofit organization or qualified community development entity, provide the population of the city/town in which the project is located.</li> <li>• If you are a tribe, provide the number of tribal/non-tribal members affected.</li> </ul>
<p>VI.D. Brownfield Programmatic Requirements</p>	<p>This section listed the Brownfield Programmatic Requirements that recipients must comply with to ensure that the assessment and cleanup protect human health and the environment.</p>	<p>The Brownfield Programmatic Requirements are moved from the solicitation to a website.</p> <p>“Brownfield Grant recipients also must comply with the program’s technical requirements, which may include, but are not limited to, requirements for Quality Assurance requirements, historic properties or threatened and endangered species, all appropriate inquiries, environmental cleanup responsibilities, sufficient progress, collection of post-grant information, and protections of nearby and sensitive populations. For additional information on these requirements, please review the <a href="#">Brownfield Programmatic Requirements</a>.”</p>
<p>Threshold Criteria</p>		
<p>III.A. Who Can Apply?</p>		<p>The BUILD Act expanded applicant eligibility to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</li> <li>• Limited liability corporation in which all managing members are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or limited liability corporations whose sole members are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited liability partnership in which all general partners are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or limited liability corporations whose sole members are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.</li> <li>• Qualified community development entity as defined in section 45D(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.</li> </ul>
<p>III.B. Applicant Eligibility</p>	<p>“Provide information that demonstrates how you are an eligible entity for a Brownfields Grant as specified in Section III.A., <i>Who Can Apply?</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For entities <u>other than</u> cities, counties, tribes, or states, attach documentation of your eligibility (e.g., resolutions, statutes, etc.).</li> <li>• If you are a nonprofit organization, you must provide documentation, as an attachment to the proposal, indicating nonprofit status.”</li> </ul>	<p>Clarified that all applicants, including cities, counties, tribes and states, must respond to threshold criteria. Additionally, nonprofit organizations and qualified community development entities must provide documentation of their IRS status.</p> <p>“Provide information that demonstrates how you are an eligible entity for a Brownfields Grant as specified in Section III.A., <i>Who Can Apply?</i>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For entities that are cities, counties, tribes, or states, affirm that the organization is eligible for funding.</li> <li>• For entities <u>other than</u> cities, counties, tribes, or states, attach documentation of your eligibility (e.g., resolutions, statutes, etc.).</li> <li>• For nonprofit organizations, or organizations comprised of nonprofit organizations, provide documentation as an attachment to the narrative demonstrating tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</li> <li>• For qualified community development entities, provide documentation, as an attachment to the narrative, certifying the organization’s status.”</li> </ul>
<p>III.B. Threshold Criteria Related to CERCLA/Petroleum Liability – Hazardous</p>		<p>Per the BUILD Act, applicants applying for hazardous substances funding through a Site-specific Assessment Grant or Cleanup Grant must review the three <i>Property Ownership Eligibility</i> threshold criteria sections and provide responses to the section that pertains to their circumstance.</p>

Substances Funding		<p>“To be eligible for a Brownfields Site-specific Assessment Grant or Cleanup Grant to address hazardous substances at a brownfield property, eligible entities must demonstrate that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are exempt from CERCLA liability; or</li> <li>• Qualify for funding because the property was publicly owned and purchased prior to January 11, 2002; or</li> <li>• Meet the requirements for asserting an affirmative defense to CERCLA liability through one of the landowner liability protections (e.g., the bona fide prospective purchaser liability protection per CERCLA § 101(40)).”</li> </ul>
III.B. Threshold Criteria Related to CERCLA/Petroleum Liability – Petroleum Funding	<p><u>“Relatively Low Risk</u> Identify whether the site is “relatively low risk” compared to other petroleum or petroleum product-only contaminated sites in the state in which the site is located, including whether the site is receiving or using Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund monies.”</p>	<p>The BUILD Act removed requirement that petroleum sites be of “relatively low risk as compared to other petroleum sites in the State” to be eligible for Brownfields Grant funding.</p>
Appendices		
Appendix – Information on Sites Eligible for Brownfields Funding under CERCLA § 104(k)	<p>Appendix 1 included <i>Information on Sites Eligible for Brownfields Funding Under CERCLA § 104(k)</i>.</p>	<p>What was formerly Appendix 1, <i>Information on Sites Eligible for Brownfields Funding under CERCLA § 104(k)</i>, is moved to <a href="https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/information-sites-eligible-brownfields-funding-under-cercla-ss-104k">https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/information-sites-eligible-brownfields-funding-under-cercla-ss-104k</a>.</p>
Appendix – Grants.gov Proposal Submission Instructions	<p>“Please note that <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> is strongly encouraging users to sign up for and use their “Workspace” feature when applying for opportunities. <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> will be phasing out the “legacy” application process, so EPA recommends that all applicants begin using “Workspace” as soon as possible so they are prepared when the “legacy” application process is no longer available.”</p>	<p>“Please note: All applications must now be submitted through Grants.gov using the “Workspace” feature. Information on the Workspace feature can be found at the Grants.gov Workspace Overview Page at <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html</a>.”</p>

<p>Appendix – Grants.gov Proposal Submission Instructions</p>	<p>The solicitation included a list of <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> email subject lines applicants should receive after successful submission of their application in Section IV.B. <i>Due Date and Submission Instruction</i>.</p> <p>“After signing and successfully submitting the application package, within 24 to 48 hours the AOR should receive notification emails from <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> with the following subject lines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GRANT##### Grants.gov Submission Receipt</li> <li>2. GRANT##### Grants.gov Submission Validation Receipt for Application</li> <li>3. GRANT##### Grants.gov Grantor Agency Retrieval Receipt for Application</li> <li>4. GRANT##### Grants.gov Agency Tracking Number Assignment for Application”</li> </ol>	<p>Information is consolidated to Appendix 1 – <i>Grants.gov Application Submission Instructions</i>.</p>
<p>Appendix/V.B. – Other Factors</p>		<p>Other Factors are moved from Appendix 3 to the Narrative Information Sheet in Section IV. and is amended to:</p> <p><i>Added:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether 30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area. (<i>Assessment Grants only</i>)</li> <li>• Whether the priority assessment/proposed cleanup site(s) is adjacent to a body (i.e., the border of the priority</li> <li>• Whether site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).</li> <li>• Whether the priority assessment/proposed cleanup site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.</li> <li>• Whether redevelopment of the priority assessment/proposed cleanup site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar,</li> </ul>

		<p>or geothermal energy; or any energy efficiency improvement projects.</p> <p><i>Removed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed assessment project advances the applicable region’s regional priority(ies).</li> <li>• Whether the project primarily focuses on Phase II assessments.</li> <li>• Demonstrated firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion, by identifying in the proposal the amounts and contributors of resources including documentation that ties directly to the project (<i>only removed from the Assessment Grant guidelines; still applicable for Cleanup Grants</i>).</li> <li>• Whether the applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant.</li> </ul>
V.B. – Other Considerations		<p>In addition to the existing considerations, EPA added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the applicant’s project is located in an IRS-designated Opportunity Zone.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Applicants will not need to self-certify this information. EPA will confirm this information using the list of designated census tracts provided by the IRS.</p>
<b>ASSESSMENT GRANT GUIDELINE CHANGES</b>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>FY18 Assessment Guidelines</b>	<b>FY19 Assessment Guidelines</b>
<b>I. Funding Opportunity Description</b>		
I.A. Description of Grant – Award Amounts	Community-wide assessment applicants could apply for up to \$300,000 for hazardous substances and/or petroleum. For the purposes of this proposal, assessment activities for an individual site could not exceed \$200,000 per grant.	Community-wide Assessment Grant applicants may apply for up to \$300,000 hazardous substance funding and/or petroleum funding; regardless of the type of funding being requested.

I.A. Description of Grant – Assessment Coalitions		Clarified the intent of an Assessment Coalition is for a lead entity to partner with eligible entities that do not have the capacity to manage their own Brownfields Assessment cooperative agreement.
I.F. Regional Priorities		The Assessment Regional Priorities are removed.
<b>Topic</b>	<b>FY18 Assessment Guidelines</b>	<b>FY19 Assessment Guidelines</b>
III. Eligibility Information and Threshold Criteria		
III.B. Threshold Criteria – Expenditure of Current Assessment Grant Funds		<p>Added threshold criterion to which all Assessment Grant applicants must respond.</p> <p>“Current EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant recipients must demonstrate that payment has been received from EPA (also known as ‘drawn down’) for at least 70% of each Assessment cooperative agreement they have with EPA by <b>January 1, 2019</b> in order to apply for additional Assessment Grant funding under this solicitation.</p> <p>In order to demonstrate this, applicants must attach a copy of a financial record displaying the amount of cooperative agreement funds drawn down (e.g. a report from the Automated Standard Proposal for Payments (ASAP) or general ledger entries). If necessary, applicants may contact the assigned EPA project officer for the Assessment Grant(s) or Jerry Minor-Gordon (<a href="mailto:minor-gordon.jerry@epa.gov">minor-gordon.jerry@epa.gov</a>) to obtain draw down information from EPA’s grant financial database (Compass Data Warehouse).</p> <p>Alternately, the applicant must affirm it does not have an active EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.”</p>
IV.E. Ranking Criteria & V.A. Evaluation Criteria		
Ranking and Evaluation Criteria – Structure		Ranking and evaluation criteria have been rewritten and/or restructured. Please review the Assessment Guidelines for details.



	<p><b>1. <u>COMMUNITY NEED</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Target Area and Brownfields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Community and Target Area</li> <li>ii. Demographic Information and Indicators of Need</li> <li>iii. Description of the Brownfields</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Welfare, Environmental, and Public Health Impacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Welfare Impacts</li> <li>ii. Cumulative Environmental Issues</li> <li>iii. Cumulative Public Health Impacts</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Financial Need</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Economic Conditions</li> <li>ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Project Description, Redevelopment Strategy, and Timing and Implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Project Description and Alignment with Revitalization Plans</li> <li>ii. Redevelopment Strategy</li> <li>iii. Timing and Implementation</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Task Description and Budget Table</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Task Descriptions</li> <li>ii. Budget Table</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Ability to Leverage</b></p> <p><b>3. <u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Engaging the Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Community Involvement Plan</li> <li>ii. Communicating Progress</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Partnerships with Government Agencies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authority</li> <li>ii. Other Governmental Partnerships</li> </ul>	<p><b>1. <u>PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Target Area and Brownfields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Background and Description of Target Area</li> <li>ii. Description of the Brownfield Site(s)</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Revitalization of the Target Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Redevelopment Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans</li> <li>ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Redevelopment Strategy</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse</li> <li>ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Community Need</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Community's Need for Funding</li> <li>ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations</li> <li>(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions</li> <li>(3) Economically Impoverished/Disproportionately Impacted Populations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>b. Community Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Community Involvement</li> <li>ii. Incorporating Community Input</li> </ul> <p><b>3. <u>TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Description of Tasks and Activities</b></p> <p><b>b. Cost Estimates and Outputs</b></p> <p><b>c. Measuring Environmental Results</b></p>
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<b>Point/Percentage Distribution</b>		
Listed in Section V. within the Evaluation Criterion	<p>Community Need – 22.50%</p> <p>Program Description &amp; Feasibility Success – 27.50%</p> <p>Community Engagement &amp; Partnerships – 17.50%</p> <p>Program Benefits – 12.50%</p> <p>Programmatic Capability – 20%</p> <p>Maximum number of points: 200</p>	<p>Project Area Description and Plan for Revitalization – 30%</p> <p>Community Need and Community Engagement – 20%</p> <p>Task Description, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Success – 35%</p> <p>Programmatic Capability – 15%</p> <p>Maximum number of points: 100</p>

**CLEANUP GRANT GUIDELINE CHANGES**

Topic	FY18 Cleanup Guidelines	FY19 Cleanup Guidelines
<b>I. Funding Opportunity Description</b>		
I.A. Description of Grant – Award Amounts	<p>Applicants could submit up to 3 proposals; \$200,000 per proposal, for a total of \$600,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants may request funding to address either a single brownfield site, or multiple brownfield sites, within each proposal.</li> <li>An applicant may request up to \$200,000 in each proposal.</li> <li>An applicant can submit up to three cleanup proposals.</li> </ul>	<p>Applicants may submit one proposal up to \$500,000. (Per the BUILD Act, Cleanup Grant funding is increased from up to \$200,00 per site to up to \$500,000 per site.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An applicant may only submit ONE Cleanup Grant proposal in the FY19 competition.</li> <li>Within the one proposal, an applicant may request funding to address a single brownfield site, or multiple brownfield sites, for up to \$500,000.</li> </ul>
I.A. Description of Grant – Ownership Requirement	<p>Recipients must retain ownership of the site throughout the period of performance of the grant.</p>	<p>Recipients of a Cleanup Grant that addresses multiple brownfield sites must retain ownership while Brownfield Grant funds are disbursed at the site(s), and may potentially sell the site before the cooperative agreements ends.</p>
<b>III.B. Site Eligibility and Threshold Criteria</b>		
III.B. – Previously Awarded Cleanup Grants		<p>Added threshold criterion to which all Cleanup Grant applicants must respond.</p> <p>“Brownfield sites where EPA Cleanup Grant funds were previously expended may not receive additional EPA Cleanup Grant funding in FY19. A proposal for funding for a brownfield site where EPA Cleanup Grant funds were previously expended will be ineligible for funding under this competition.</p> <p>Affirm that the proposed site(s) has not received funding from a previously awarded EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant.”</p>
III.B.12. Statutory Cost Share	<p>“Cleanup Grant applicants may petition EPA to waive the cost share requirement if it would place an undue hardship on the applicant. EPA will consider hardship waiver requests on a</p>	<p>“Tribes, nonprofit organizations, and government entities (with populations of 50,000 and fewer) may request a waiver of the 20% cost share requirement based on hardship. EPA will consider hardship</p>

	case-by-case basis and will approve such requests on an extremely limited basis.”	waiver requests on a case-by-case basis and will approve such requests on a limited basis.”
IV.3. Ranking Criteria		
	<p><b>1. <u>COMMUNITY NEED</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Target Area and Brownfields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Community and Target Area</li> <li>ii. Demographic Information and Indicators of Need</li> <li>iii. Description of the Brownfields</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Welfare, Environmental, and Public Health Impacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Welfare Impacts</li> <li>ii. Cumulative Environmental Issues</li> <li>iii. Cumulative Public Health Impacts</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Financial Need</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Economic Conditions</li> <li>ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Project Description</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Existing Conditions</li> <li>ii. Proposed Cleanup Plan</li> <li>iii. Alignment with Revitalization Plans</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Task Description and Budget Table</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Task Descriptions</li> <li>ii. Budget Table</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Ability to Leverage</b></p>	<p>Ranking and evaluation criteria have been rewritten and/or restructured. Please review the Cleanup Grant Guidelines for details.</p> <p><b>1. <u>PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Target Area and Brownfields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Background and Description of Target Area</li> <li>ii. Description of the Brownfield Site(s)</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Revitalization of the Target Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Redevelopment Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans</li> <li>ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Redevelopment Strategy</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ability to Leverage</li> <li>ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure</li> </ul> <p><b>2. <u>COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Community Need</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Community’s Need for Funding</li> <li>ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations</li> <li>(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Condition</li> <li>(3) Economically Impoverished/Disproportionately Impacted Populations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>b. Community Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Community Involvement</li> <li>ii. Incorporating Community Input</li> </ul>

	<p><b>3. <u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Engaging the Community</b></p> <p><b>b. Partnerships with Government Agencies</b></p> <p><b>c. Partnerships with Community Organizations</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Community Organization Descriptions &amp; Roles</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. Letters of Commitment</p> <p><b>d. Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs</b></p> <p><b>4. <u>PROJECT BENEFITS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Welfare, Environmental, and Public Health Benefits</b></p> <p><b>b. Economic and Community Benefits</b></p> <p><b>5. <u>PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Audit Finding</b></p> <p><b>b. Programmatic Capability</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Organizational Structure</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. Acquiring Additional Resources</p> <p><b>c. Measuring Environmental Results</b></p> <p><b>d. Past Performance and Accomplishments</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Accomplishments</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. Compliance with Grant Requirements</p> <p>Narrative Proposal Attachments, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation indicating committed leveraged resources</li> <li>• Letters of Commitment from all community organizations</li> </ul>	<p><b>3. <u>TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Proposed Cleanup Plan</b></p> <p><b>b. Description of Tasks and Activities</b></p> <p><b>c. Cost Estimates and Outputs</b></p> <p><b>d. Measuring Environmental Results</b></p> <p><b>4. <u>PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Programmatic Capability</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Organizational Structure</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii. Acquiring Additional Resources</p> <p><b>b. Past Performance and Accomplishments</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) Accomplishments</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements</p> <p>Narrative Attachments, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation indicating committed leveraged resources</li> </ul>
<b>Point/Percentage Distribution</b>		
Listed in Section V. within the Evaluation Criterion	<p>Community Need – 16%</p> <p>Program Description &amp; Feasibility Success – 30%</p> <p>Community Engagement &amp; Partnerships – 20%</p> <p>Program Benefits – 14%</p> <p>Programmatic Capability – 20%</p> <p>Maximum number of points: 100</p>	<p>Project Area Description and Plan for Revitalization – 30%</p> <p>Community Need and Community Engagement – 20%</p> <p>Task Description, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Success – 35%</p> <p>Programmatic Capability – 15%</p> <p>Maximum number of points: 100</p>