



WASHTENAW COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Environmental Assessment Grant Program

The Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority assists member communities with redevelopment of brownfield properties, using all available tools and resources. Act 381 allows Administrative fees to be captured from local tax increment revenues in order to fund brownfield program costs. Administrative fees support actual and reasonable costs of operating the County Brownfield Redevelopment Program. In addition, Administrative fees will be utilized to conduct Department Specific Activities by or on behalf of the Brownfield Authority related directly to work conducted on prospective eligible properties prior to approval of a brownfield plan. Funds will be prioritized first for sites that are owned by a member community or non-profit, and being considered for potential redevelopment, and/or part of an approved, locally-initiated redevelopment strategy, and secondly, sites that are being pursued for redevelopment by private entities. Potentially Liable Parties are not eligible for Environmental Assessment Grant funding.

The WCBRA hereby establishes the Environmental Assessment Grant Program, which provides grant funding for environmental due diligence activities on suspected or known brownfield sites. The grant funds are available to both publicly and privately-owned properties, with priority for public and non-profit owned sites, to conduct Department Specific Activities as permitted by Act 381. These include, but are not limited to, Phase I and II studies, as part of Baseline Environmental Assessments, Due Care Activities and Hazardous Materials Surveys.

The program is funded using available Brownfield Administrative Funds, captured as authorized by Act 381 from active brownfield projects. Municipal and Non-Profit-owned sites are eligible for 100% of the cost of eligible assessment activities, up to \$15,000, and 50% of the cost for privately-owned sites, up to \$15,000. Applicants for private sites are encouraged to also pursue complementary assessment grant funding opportunities through the Down River Community Conference Brownfield Coalition. The Authority may consider higher grant awards on a case-by-case basis.

The Brownfield Authority would like to support investment in Low Opportunity Areas within the County, which have not traditionally received adequate public and private investment. As such, the Authority shall prioritize applications for properties within Low Opportunity Areas, as noted in the [Washtenaw County Opportunity Index](#).

Applications will be accepted at any time, and approved as funds are available. Brownfield staff will review the application for eligibility and completeness, and then forward to the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority Board for consideration. Interested parties must fill out the [Environmental Assessment Grant Program Application](#) and submit it as indicated.

Conducting Assessment Work

Municipalities awarded a grant must include a price quote from a qualified environmental consultant and demonstrate that the procurement of the grant funded work followed the community's standard purchasing procedures in having the assessment work completed. A Grant Agreement will be required,



which includes a requirement for coordination with Brownfield Staff on the work to be conducted. The pricing will be reviewed for reasonableness by the Brownfield Authority.

Grant applications for privately-owned sites must include a price quote from a qualified environmental consultant as a basis for the request. The pricing will be reviewed for reasonableness by the Brownfield Authority as part of the overall grant application review.

For More Information:

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