



Catherine H. Smith
Commissioner

State of Connecticut
Department of Economic and
Community Development

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Dear Chief Elected Official:

I am writing to inform you of new funding opportunities that are available to assist your community in returning brownfield sites back to productive use. Governor Malloy has made the clean up and redevelopment of these contaminated sites a top priority, as he feels it is key to spurring economic revitalization and job growth in Connecticut.

Funding is available for a wide range of activities, including assessment, planning, design, remediation, demolition, infrastructure improvements, construction, renovation and acquisition for brownfield redevelopment.

In addition, the new Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization Program provides certain liability protections for those interested in brownfield redevelopment. If accepted into the program, applicants can investigate and remediate a property but shall not be required to characterize, abate and remediate any releases beyond the boundaries of the eligible property. This liability relief program will be available to 32 properties annually and will have a separate application.

DECD, through its Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD), will be accepting applications for funding and technical assistance through the Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization Program according to the following schedule:

Round 1 Funds	Announcement	Application Deadline	Review & Award
Loans: Target Brownfield Development Loan \$ 21.million	Sept. 19, 2011	Oct. 14, 2011	through Nov 14, 2011
Grants: Regional Brownfield & Economic Development Grant \$ 4.6 million	Sept. 19, 2011	Oct. 14, 2011	through Nov 14, 2011
Brownfield Liability Relief Program (32 properties)			
Early Award	Sept. 19, 2011	Sept. 30, 2011	Oct. 14, 2011
Late Award	Sept. 19, 2011	Oct. 14, 2011	Oct. 31, 2011

Round 2 Funds	Announcement	Application Deadline	Review & Award
Loans: Target Brownfield Development Loan \$ 15 million	Jan. 6, 2012	Feb. 3, 2012	through Mar 2, 2012
Grants: Municipal Brownfield Development Grant \$ 3 million (6 town or cities)	Jan. 6, 2012	Feb. 3, 2012	through Mar 2, 2012

Round 2 Funds (cont.)	Announcement	Application Deadline	Review & Award
Brownfield Liability Relief Program (16 properties)			
Early Award	Jan. 6, 2012	Jan. 20, 2012	Feb. 3, 2012
Late Award	Jan. 6, 2012	Feb. 3, 2012	Feb. 17, 2012

Financial assistance shall not exceed 50% of the total project cost. DECD grant funds will be awarded to a project based on the immediate economic development benefits it will provide. Sec. 32-9kk of the Connecticut General Statutes outlines the parameters of the financial assistance for eligible brownfield projects. Maximum grant awards will be \$500,000 or 10% of the total remediation project cost, whichever is least. Grants awards will be considered for projects that immediately create at least 50 full-time non-construction jobs. These grants will be bundled with loan assistance from the Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program. Flexible repayment terms will be available to solid projects that attain certain milestones, e.g., job creation/retention, business expansion, and new business relocation and redevelopment or private dollar commitment/expenditures. Applications for liability protection will be processed in a shorter timeframe than a financial assistance application. Municipal Brownfield Grants will be awarded to six cities or towns according to the criteria established in section 32-9cc (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Regional Brownfield and Economic Development Grants are available to regional and local planning agencies. I am attaching copies of the brownfield program fact sheets for your use.

DECD is seeking to support brownfield projects that are shovel ready and will create jobs and grow our economy. The following factors will be considered in our review of the applications:

- A. Economic Impact of the Proposal
 - a. Creation of permanent jobs in the short term
 - b. Creation of non-permanent jobs (construction, etc)
 - c. Total Project Investment
 - d. Supportive of key state industries such as; bio-tech, financial and insurance, aerospace, maritime, manufacturing and distribution, high tech, clean energy
- B. Housing Impact of the Proposal
 - a. Affordable/Workforce Housing
 - b. Located in a DECD targeted geographic region for affordable housing
- C. Readiness of the Projects
 - a. Private/local financing in place
 - b. Construction plans and specifications complete
 - c. Local/state/federal permits in place or will readily be in place
- D. Other factors
 - a. Priority Projects set by Regional Economic Development Organizations
 - b. In compliance with the local plan of development; zoning and the Connecticut plan of conservation and development
 - c. Small business space development
 - d. Urban/Central Business District Revitalization
 - e. Economic or Housing Development aspects of Transit Oriented Development projects

We invite you to download the **OBRD Consolidated Application Form** (for financial assistance) and the **Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization Program Application Form** (for liability relief) from our website at www.ctbrownfields.gov. Please contact Lilia Kieltyka (860) 270-8193 or Ned Moore (860)270-8148 with any questions or if you would like a hard copy of the application mailed to you.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on identifying, remediating and revitalizing existing brownfields in your community.

Sincerely,


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