U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Application Fact Sheet

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Federal Fiscal Year 2019

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South Expressway Corridor

Narrative: The City of Council Bluffs staff are providing this brief fact sheet to stakeholders regarding a proposed grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program requesting $300,000 in grant funding to address "brownfield" properties in area being defined for the purpose of the application as the "South Expressway Corridor." A "brownfield" is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment. The general area to be targeted by this grant funding is shown in the areal diagram to the right and is bounded by 9th Avenue to the north, S. 3rd Street and railyards to the east, S. 9th Street to the west, and Interstate 29/80 to the south. Also included are groupings of properties to the north of Iowa 92 and the rail corridor bordering South Expressway south of the Interstate to 35th Avenue. The grant funding would be utilized to conduct public outreach, environmental site assessments, and cleanup planning for a host of properties that have perceived environmental impediments that may be hampering public reuse or private sector investment for redevelopment.





Federal "Build Act" Funding Requested: $300,000 ($200,000 Hazardous Substance Assessment, $100,000 Petroleum Assessment)

Assessment Grant Type: Community-Wide Assessment Grant

Target Area: South Expressway Corridor

Contaminants: Hazardous Substances and Petroleum

Application Deadline: January 31, 2019

Application Contents: See Attached Outline

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III.B. Threshold Criteria for Assessment Grants

- III.B.1. Applicant Eligibility
- III.B.2. Community Involvement
- III.B.3. Expenditure of Assessment Grant Funds

IV.E. Narrative/Ranking Criteria (Evaluation Criteria) for Assessment Grants

- IV.E.1. Project Area Description and Plans for Revitalization (30 Total Points)
- IV.E.1.a Target Area and Brownfields (15 points)
- IV.E.1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area (5 points)
- IV.E.1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s) (10 points)
- IV.E.1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area (9 points)
- IV.E.1.b.i. Redevelopment Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans (5 points)
- IV.E.1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Redevelopment Strategy (4 points)
- IV.E.1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources (6 points)
- IV.E.1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse (4 points)
- IV.E.1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure (2 points)
- IV.E.2. Community Need and Community Engagement (20 Total Points)
- IV.E.2.a. Community Need (12 points)
- IV.E.2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding (3 points)
- IV.E.2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations (9 points)
- IV.E.2.b. Community Engagement (8 points)
- IV.E.2.b.i. Community Involvement (5 points)
- IV.E.2.b.ii. Incorporating Community Input (3 points)
- IV.E.3. Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress (35 Total Points)
- IV.E.3.a. Description of Tasks and Activities (15 points)
- IV.E.3.b. Cost Estimates and Outputs (15 points)
- IV.E.3.c. Measuring Environmental Results (5 Points)
- IV.E.4 Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (15 Total Points)
- IV.E.4.a. Programmatic Capability (9 points)
- IV.E.4.a.i. Organizational Structure (5 points)
- IV.E.4.a.ii. Acquiring Additional Resources (4 points)
- IV.E.4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments (6 Points)
- IV.E.4.b.i. Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant (6 points)
- IV.E.4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements (6 points)
- IV.E.4.b.iii. Never Received Any Type of Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements (3 points)