

Grant Opportunities: April 1, 2010 Edition

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: BROWNFIELDS AREA-WIDE PLANNING PILOT PROGRAM

ACTION: Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFA NO: EPA-OSWER-OBLR-10-05

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NO.: 66.814

DATES: The closing date and time for receipt of proposals is **June 1, 2010, 5:00p.m.** Eastern Time (ET).

Proposals submitted through email to bfcompetition@epa.gov must be received by June 1, 2010, 5:00 p.m. ET. Proposals submitted in hard copy must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or received in the EPA program office via commercial delivery service by June 1, 2010, 5:00 pm ET to receive consideration. Due to the unique situation involving U.S. mail screening, EPA recommends that applicants submitting in hard copy use a courier service or express mail option to transmit their proposals.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA grant funds and direct assistance (through Agency contract support) for projects from eligible entities to facilitate community involvement in areawide planning approaches to brownfields assessment, cleanup, and subsequent reuse. Area-wide planning grant funding and technical assistance will be directed to brownfields-impacted areas, such as a neighborhood, district, city block or corridor. The grant funding and direct assistance will result in an area-wide plan which will inform the assessment, cleanup and reuse of brownfields properties and promote area-wide revitalization. EPA anticipates selecting approximately 20 pilot projects through this competitive opportunity.

FUNDING/AWARDS: Throughout this RFP, the term "EPA assistance" is used to describe both grant funding and Agency provided contract support for research, training, and technical assistance activities. The total estimated EPA assistance available under this competitive opportunity is up to approximately \$3,500,000, subject to the availability of funds, quality of proposals received, other applicable considerations, and the type of assistance the Agency provides. EPA will determine how much of this assistance will be made available to each successful applicant through grant funding and direct Agency contract support. This flexibility enables EPA to deliver assistance to selected pilots in a manner that considers the current capacity and specific needs of each community. The maximum total amount of grant funding that applicants may apply for is \$175,000 for the entire project period. Applicants may apply for project periods of up to 24 months. Applicants may apply for both grant funding and direct contract support in the same proposal but the total amount of assistance must not exceed \$175,000. The value of contractual services the Agency will provide to each recipient will vary based on the needs the recipient identifies and the cost to EPA to provide the contractual assistance. At the Agency's discretion, EPA may provide additional contract support to successful applicants after the project has begun to assist with discrete tasks such that the total value of EPA assistance may exceed \$175,000. Applicants may submit more than one proposal so long as each one is for a different project and is submitted separately.

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-10-05.pdf>

http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm