



EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant

Staff recommends we explore the application of an EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant.

Three or more jurisdictions would comprise the Coalition. Up to \$600,000 would be available for a minimum of five assessment projects over a three-year period. There is no match required.

This program may be helpful for those jurisdictions who have only one or two sites to assess. Or who don't want the administration of a full EPA brownfields grant.

Jurisdictions who have an active EDA Site-Specific Assessment grant are not eligible to be part of the coalition until that Site -Specific Assessment grant is completed.

The PDC would do the administration for the project and would serve as the lead entity. Localities and the PDC would work with their property owners to explain the program and get their buy-in.

Each assessment may not exceed \$200,000 and may be used for either hazardous substance and/or petroleum sites. The coalition must assess a minimum of five sites over the three-year grant period.

The coalition would develop internal agreements documenting the site selection process and distribution of funds.

The application is due in October. Participating jurisdictions will need to provide a letter in which they agree to be part of the coalition.

This grant only assesses the brownfield site. Other grants would need to be pursued to clean up the site.

Recommended action:

Staff seeks your consensus to move forward to see if there is interest among our jurisdictions.

If three or more jurisdictions express an interest in exploring this application, then the PDC staff will report back to the PDC and begin a solicitation process for an engineering firm to assist with the application.

The PDC would be asked to approve the actual application later in the year.