USDA – EPA Brownfields Partner

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Federal Partner. USDA is in a key position to support activities critical to community brownfields revitalization efforts. USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural America by providing financial programs to support essential public and private facilities and services.

USDA Mission Areas

These Mission Areas promote economic development by providing loans and grants to businesses through banks and community-managed lending pools, while also assisting communities to participate in community empowerment programs.

USDA Mission Areas

Rural Development

Rural Housing Service (RHS)

Rural Business Service (RBS)

Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Natural Resources and Environment

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Forest Service (FS)

WHERE TO OBTAIN USDA BROWNFIELDS FUNDING

USDA Brownfield Funding Programs are administered on a state-by-state basis and through districts within each state. The State Director's Office and area offices will facilitate access and help in applying for grants and loans for brownfields redevelopment.

For a list of all USDA Rural Development Programs, many of which may be applicable to brownfield development visit the following webpages.

- http://www.rurdev.usda.gov
- http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs

Georgia Area Offices

Cartersville
770-386-3393

Monroe
770-267-1413

Fort Valley
478-827-0016

Sandersville
478-552-0901

Tifton
229-382-0273

Douglas
912-384-4811

USDA Georgia State Office – 706-546-2171

LIST OF USDA BROWNFIELD FUNDING RESOURCES – GRANTS and LOANS

Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program (RBS Program)

Provides guaranteed loans for rural businesses up to 80 percent of a loan made by commercial lenders to businesses located in rural areas.

- Population of 50,000 or less
- Cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, trusts or other profit or non-profit entities; Indian tribes; and municipalities, counties, or other local governments.
- The maximum loan guarantee is $ $25 million.

Uses/Applications Include:

- Pollution control and abatement
- Construction of businesses, real estate development, conversion, repair, modernization, enlargement, etc.
- Purchase of machinery, equipment, supplies, working capital, land, easements, rights-of-way, etc.
- Debt refinancing

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Community Facilities (CF) Program (RHS Program)

Provides an essential service to the local community – the service must be a function customarily provided by a local unit of government.

- Grants and loan guarantees for essential community facilities, including public safety and hospital facilities.
- Population of 20,000 or less
- Eligible public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, non-profit corporations, tribal governments, special-purpose districts.
- Grants are high priority and highly leveraged and up to 75% of project costs.

Uses/Applications Include:

- Purchase, Construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services such as hospitals, schools, libraries, courthouses, town halls, airports etc.
- Land acquisition, professional fees, purchase of equipment.

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The Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program (RBS Program)

Grants to Rural public (governmental) entities, non-profit corporations, and Indian tribes. Rural public entities including, but not limited to: Towns, Communities, State agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit Corporations, Institutions of Higher Education, Federally-recognized Tribes, Rural Cooperatives.

- Two types of grant pools:

o Enterprise Grants: No maximum grant amount for enterprise type grants; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. Generally, grants range from $10,000 up to $500,000.

o Opportunity Grants: Opportunity type grant funding maximum award of $50,000 for unreserved funds. Total up to 10% of the total RBDG annual funding. No cost sharing requirement!

Uses/Applications

- Pollution control and abatement
- Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling/training, feasibility studies, professional/technical reports, Rural business incubators
- Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conversion, renovation, of buildings, plants, machinery, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utilities
- Capitalization of revolving loan funds including funds

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Water and Waste Disposal Program (RUS Program)

- Developing, repairing, or improving water and waste disposal systems
- Population of 10,000 or less.
- Support industrial activities.
- Eligible public bodies, non-profit corporations and Indian tribes.
- Maximum amount $100,000

Uses/Applications Include:

- Construct and improve water and waste facilities
- Land acquisition
- Legal fees and engineering fees
- Equipment and initial operation and maintenance costs

USDA Forest Service

Urban and Community Forestry

The Forest Service provides technical assistance and grant money to states to foster urban reforestation and other projects that will help "green" Brownfields.

To learn more information please visit: http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac.shtml

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