

Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program

<http://dep.ky.gov/Pages/brownfields.aspx>

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Public Sector Financing

Free Assessments

The Kentucky Brownfield Program can provide Targeted Brownfield Assessments to municipalities, quasi-governmental agencies and nonprofit agencies free of charge. A candidate site should have redevelopment potential and suffer from the stigma of potential environmental liability. A limited number of these assessments are performed each year, so they are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Grants

The U.S. EPA offers an array of grant opportunities including funds for assessment, cleanup, revolving loan fund, job training and area-wide planning. <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

Kentucky Brownfield Program Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

In May of 2012, The Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program received an \$850,000 Revolving Loan Fund grant to establish a redevelopment program in the Commonwealth. The program has made five subgrants and is now taking applications for low-interest cleanup loans. More information can be found at the program website noted above.

Other Loans

Revolving loan funds are another option for others as well. An entity can apply for an EPA grant to establish its own revolving loan fund for brownfield projects. Check the EPA website for more information.

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority administers the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. To be eligible for these funds, the money must be used to address brownfields that have a current or potential impact on surface or groundwater. <http://kia.ky.gov/>

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Tax increment financing is a tool that uses future gains in taxes to finance the current improvement projects that will create those gains. When a project such as a road, a school or hazardous waste cleanup is carried out, there is an increase in value of the surrounding real estate. These improvements often spark new investment in the area as well. This creates more taxable property, thus creating more tax revenues. Those revenues are dedicated to finance debt issued to pay for the project. TIF creates funding for distressed areas where redevelopment might otherwise not occur and funding for projects that are unaffordable for municipalities. TIF projects will approved and administered through the Finance and Administration Cabinet by the newly created State Tax Increment Financing Commission. <http://finance.ky.gov>

Other Resources

Other resources may be available for the public sector, the private sector and individual brownfield redevelopers dependent on the planned end use of the property. Contact the brownfield program staff to determine if your project may be eligible for other resources.

For program information, call Amanda LeFevre, 502-782-6398 or Herb Petitjean, 502-782-6432.



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