

# State of Connecticut



## Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development

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### Regional Brownfield Grant Project

#### Overview

The Regional Brownfield and Economic Development (RBED) fund is a pool of funds from several legacy development programs. DECD will use this pool to provide financial assistance in the form of a grant-in-aid to regional organizations and municipalities to support brownfield and economic-based industrial development. Regional organizations include regional planning organizations, councils of governments and regional economic development organizations (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or designated Economic Development District). Grant awards will be targeted to eligible projects and applicants that remediate brownfields for new or expanded manufacturing, other economic-base industries and affordable housing. These grants may be used in coordination and conjunction with other state brownfield grant and loan programs for the purpose of stimulating private investment and development in brownfields for reuse.

#### Eligible Applicants

- Regional organizations including regional planning agencies, council of governments and councils of elected officials, CEDS and EDD groups
- Municipalities

RBED funding requires local matching funding and shall be funded in accordance with PA 93-382:

- Up to 90% of Total Project Cost (TPC) if located in a Targeted Investment Community (TIC)
- Up to 75% of TPC if the project is located in a region that contains a TIC
- Not more than 66.6% of TPC if the region does not contain a TIC

Applicants and project partners must not be responsible for the property contamination.

#### Review Criteria

Projects will be reviewed and ranked to determine project merit and viability. Factors that will be involved with the ranking include the potential economic and community development opportunity; community and regional support; contribution to the municipal tax base; number of jobs to be created and/or retained; experience of the municipality undertaking large-scale project.

#### Eligible Uses of Assistance

- Investigation and classification, assessment
- Remediation, abatement, hazardous materials or waste disposal
- Planning, engineering and architectural surveys and design
- Feasibility studies, appraisals, market studies and related activities
- Acquisition of real property, provided financial assistance for such acquisition shall not exceed fair market value
- Site work and infrastructure improvements
- Building and structural issues including demolition, asbestos abatement, polychlorinated biphenyls removal, contaminated wood or paint removal, and other infrastructure remedial activities
- Other reasonable expenses the commissioner determines are necessary for the initiation, implementation and completion of the project