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## Great News!

EPA recently announced some great news for those of you who submitted grant proposals last fall for Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup or Revolving Loan Fund Grants. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will provide \$100 million to eligible entities for addressing brownfields in their communities [www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery). Most of the funds will be awarded in addition to the available EPA Brownfields Program funds through the grant competition that is currently in progress. An estimated \$5 million of the Recovery Act funds will be used for a new round of Job Training Grants to provide environmental job training.

### What this means for your community

If you submitted a grant proposal for an assessment, cleanup or revolving loan fund grant:

- 1) the odds of having your grant proposal selected to receive funding have increased.
- 2) the chances of your grant proposal being fully funded have increased.

The additional stimulus money will allow EPA to fully fund some of the proposals that might have received only partial funding and will also allow EPA to fund more proposals.

### Community Benefits

The Recovery Act funding is about jobs, so your winning community will be an integral part of jobs creation; not only by spending grant funds to assess and cleanup contaminated sites in your neighborhood, but also by expediting the reuse and redevelopment of those brownfield sites to attract new businesses and rebuild your tax base.

Your community benefits from directing Recovery Act funding to brownfields because:

- The funding can supplement or replace other funding sources that have been strained or depleted by the current economic situation.
- The funding can meet the match requirements for state funding sources and is an excellent of "seed" money for leveraging other federal funding sources.
- Job Training Grants offer opportunity and hope to those in your community who have been the victims of down-sizing.
- Engaging the public in revitalization of a neighborhood or downtown area will provide a collective sense of purpose and direction that is much needed when many are feeling despair and concern for the future of their community.
- More sites can be cleared for redevelopment, showing

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The Stanley Consultants environmental team includes engineers, environmental scientists, and planners actively engaged in brownfield redevelopment projects across the country. Many brownfield properties offer a higher potential for successful redevelopment due to their location in already developed areas with existing utilities and access to established amenities. Contact Stanley Consultants today to find out how you can be part of these opportunities for growth.



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progress which can be used to leverage additional brownfields or other redevelopment funding.

At Stanley Consultants we are optimistic that struggling American communities have the strength to rebuild and the will to revitalize. If you submitted an EPA Brownfields Grant proposal last fall, we wish you luck; you should be hearing the results soon. If you didn't submit, please talk to a winning community about its results so you can learn how to successfully apply next year.

Watch the EPA brownfields web site ([http://cfpub.epa.gov/bf\\_factsheets/index.cfm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/bf_factsheets/index.cfm)) for grant funding results.

If you would like more information on brownfield redevelopment funding opportunities, or grant writing please contact Cynthia Quast, P.E., Brownfields Redevelopment Department Manager at [quastcindy@stanleygroup.com](mailto:quastcindy@stanleygroup.com) or 319.626.5316.

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