Consolidated Funding Application
2019 – 2020
Environmental Protection Fund
Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program

May 2019
Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA)

Provides assistance to communities to develop area-wide community-based plans to redevelop brownfields and abandoned sites, transforming them into catalytic properties that revitalize the area.
BOA Process

- Vision and strategy developed with community input
- DOS may provide technical and financial assistance

Plan

- Plan is submitted as a BOA Nomination
- Secretary of State designates the BOA

Designate

- BCP tax credits
- BOA pre-development grants and technical support
- Priority and preference for other NYS grants
- Private investment

Implement
Eligible Applicants

Municipalities
- Towns/Villages
- Counties
- Local Public Authorities
- Public Benefit Corps
- School Districts
- Special Improvement Districts
- Indian Nations/Tribes

Community-Based Organizations
- Not-For-Profit
  - 501(c)(3)
  - Mission to promote reuse of brownfield sites or community revitalization
  - At least 25% of Board of Directors reside in area
  - Community has demonstrated financial need

Community Boards
- Defined and described in Section 2800 of the New York City Charter.

Applicants are encouraged to work in partnership & jointly apply for funding
BOA Grant Categories

Develop BOA Plan/Nomination

Develop a community-supported plan for revitalization culminating in designation by the Secretary of State

Pre-Development Activities

Targeted activities that help move projects from concept to completion in State-designated Brownfield Opportunity Areas.
Developing a BOA Nomination

BOA Nominations:

• Build community consensus around a vision for revitalization
• Provide a roadmap to return dormant brownfield sites back to productive use
• Identify key redevelopment opportunities
• Offer predictability for development community and direction for public investment
• Lead to BOA Designation

Pre-Development Activities*

- Develop & implement marketing strategies
- Develop plans & specifications
- Real estate services
- Building condition studies
- Infrastructure analyses
- Zoning & regulatory updates
- Environmental, housing and economic studies, analyses, & reports
- Public outreach

* Projects must be located in a State-Designated BOA. A list of designated BOAs is available at: http://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/brownFieldOpp/index.html
Award Limitations

• Maximum grant award: $300,000
• Award may not exceed 90% of the total eligible cost of the project. Grant recipient must provide the remaining 10%.

Eligible costs:
• Personal Services – including direct salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of grantee employees for activities related to project work (project management and grant administration).
• Non-Personal Services – including consultant/contractual services for direct project related costs, project management, and limited grant administration; project related supplies and materials; necessary travel; and other goods and services required to complete the project.

Ineligible Costs:
• Indirect or overhead costs
• Salaries and other expenses of elected officials
• Costs incurred outside of the contract term
• Costs that are not adequately justified or that do not directly support the project
BOA Review Criteria

Up to 12 Points
Plan/Nomination Applications:
• Presence and Impact of Known or Suspected Brownfields

Pre-Development Activity Applications:
• Community Vision and Strategic Opportunities

Up to 6 Points
Indicators of Economic Distress

Up to 6 Points
Local Capacity & Partnerships

Up to 6 Points
Public & Stakeholder Support

Up to 6 Points
Economic Value

Up to 6 Points
Environmental Value

Up to 6 Points
Public Value

Up to 10 Points
Scope of Work

Up to 22 Points
Budget & Cost

Up to 20 Points
REDC Support
Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program
Request for Applications (RFA #19-BOA)
More Information at:
http://www.dos.ny.gov/funding