

NYS Department of State (DOS)

Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA)

Q. Where can I find information about how to develop a BOA Nomination plan?

A. BOA Nominations are plans for revitalization of neighborhoods or areas affected by brownfields and economic distress and that include in-depth analyses of existing conditions and redevelopment opportunities for brownfield sites and surrounding areas. Information and guidance for developing in available on the DOS website at: <https://dos.ny.gov/planning-process#development-of-boa-plans>.

Q. Can I start my BOA project before grant awards are announced?

A. Yes, projects may begin prior to grant award. However, project costs incurred prior to April 1, 2021 will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Q. Are we able to apply for multiple projects for different activities within one BOA funding application?

A. An application may include multiple projects, however they must all be for the same type of activity. For instance, an application may include more than one pre-development activity, but it may not include both site assessment (SA) and pre-development activities. Eligible applicants wishing to apply for more than one type of activity should submit separate applications, one for each activity type.

Q. Must a grant application include a resolution from the applicant's governing authority?

A. Yes. All applicants must submit a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing authority that authorizes submission of the application and identifies the title of the applicant's authorized representative. A standard resolution template is available on the DOS website at <https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>.

Q. Are there any community participation requirements for applications for preparation of BOA Nominations?

A. Yes, prior to submitting applications for funding to prepare BOA Nominations, applicants must provide a 30-day public comment period and hold a public meeting on the draft application. Documentation demonstrating that these activities have been completed must be submitted with the application.

Q. Where can I find a list of BOAs that have been designated by the Secretary of State?

A. Designated BOAs can be found on the DOS webpage at

<https://www.dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment>.

Additional questions regarding 2021 – 2022 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS for the Environmental Protection Fund Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (RFA #21-BOA-06) should be submitted to DOS by e-mail to opd@dos.ny.us with the subject line “21—BOA-06 RFA Questions” by June 18, 2021.

Responses to all questions received by June 18th will be posted on the DOS website (<https://www.dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>) in a document titled Questions and Answers by July 6th, 2021.