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 plans set the stage for revitalization of neighborhoods or areas affected by brownfields and economic distress which include in-depth analyses of existing conditions and articulate 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, 2022 will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Q. Can I apply for BOA Predevelopment activities or Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for an area or project not in a State-Designated BOA?
A. Projects submitted for BOA Predevelopment Activity or Phase II Environmental Site Assessment funding must be located within a State-Designated BOA. Following designation of a BOA by the Secretary of State, eligible applicants can request funding for additional predevelopment and phase II environmental site assessment activities to advance community-supported implementation projects identified in the plan.

Q: If we submitted our BOA (Nomination) plan for Designation before May 2, 2022, are we able to apply for BOA Predevelopment activities and Site Assessment funding in this CFA round?
A: Applicants with a pending application for designation submitted to DOS prior to the release date of this RFA (5/2/2022) are also eligible to apply, however funding may only be awarded if the designation is made by the Secretary of State on or prior to October 1, 2022.

Q. Can two municipalities apply jointly for BOA funding?
A: Applicants are encouraged to work in partnership and may apply jointly for funding. Joint applicants should identify the municipality, community-based organization, or community board that the Department should recognize as the primary applicant for all purposes, including the contract award.
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 grant or multiple types of activities 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. **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 2022 – 2023 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS for the Environmental Protection Fund Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (RFA #22-BOA-02) should be submitted to DOS by e-mail to opd@dos.ny.us with the subject line “22—BOA-02 RFA Questions” by June 17, 2022.

Responses to all questions received by June 17th will posted on the DOS website (https://www.dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities) in document titled Questions and Answers by July 8th, 2022.

Final applications are due by 4:00pm on Friday, July 29, 2022.