

Understanding the EPA Brownfields Proposal Guidelines
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<http://www.clu-in.org/conf/tio/R8BFGuidelines/>

Questions and Answers

Are fees to the State VCP program for review and participation an eligible budget item?
Probably, but more information would be required to answer this question. The question came from a participant from Region 4 so it was suggested that this person should contact Region 4 directly to discuss in more detail.

Have there been changes made to the application form and guidelines since last year's round of funding? If so, is there a guide to changes?
There have been a few slight changes and there are questions and answers on these changes. They are available at: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy08_grantfaq_final.pdf

Is it possible to apply for an Assessment Grant for entire region, such as an EDA Economic Development District?
Yes, as long as the community is defined within the Economic Development District it will be considered.

Can you apply for a Cleanup grant after you have completed cleanup?
Yes, you can apply, but will likely not be very competitive. You would be looking to refinance, but Brownfields grants do not have this authority.

For Assessment grants, can one apply for less than \$200,000 if there is an expectation that the current landowner will pay for some of the assessment costs?
Yes you can.

Are archived Superfund sites eligible for funding?
If the site has been cleaned up, it would not be eligible. The caveat is that if it has been de-listed it may be eligible. If you think your site has been de-listed contact EPA and they will help you make the determination on eligibility.

Will the reviewers from FY07 review again, or will there be new reviewers this year?
Your chances of having the same reviewers are extremely minimal because the applications are distributed nationwide to regions other than the one in which the person applied.

Where is the guidance doc does it define petroleum only sites? Does it have to be only petroleum to apply for a grant because there are many sites that have other contaminants too? It depends on the co-mingling of the contaminants. If the money will be used to clean up both petroleum and other contaminants together than you can not apply for a petroleum only grant. My understanding is that if there are other contaminants on the property, but they are not co-mingled, the property is eligible.

What page is the Business Plan criteria on in FY08 Proposal Guidelines?
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