

Brownfields Workshop

OVERVIEW BROWNFIELDS
GRANT PROCESS
SEPTEMBER, 2013

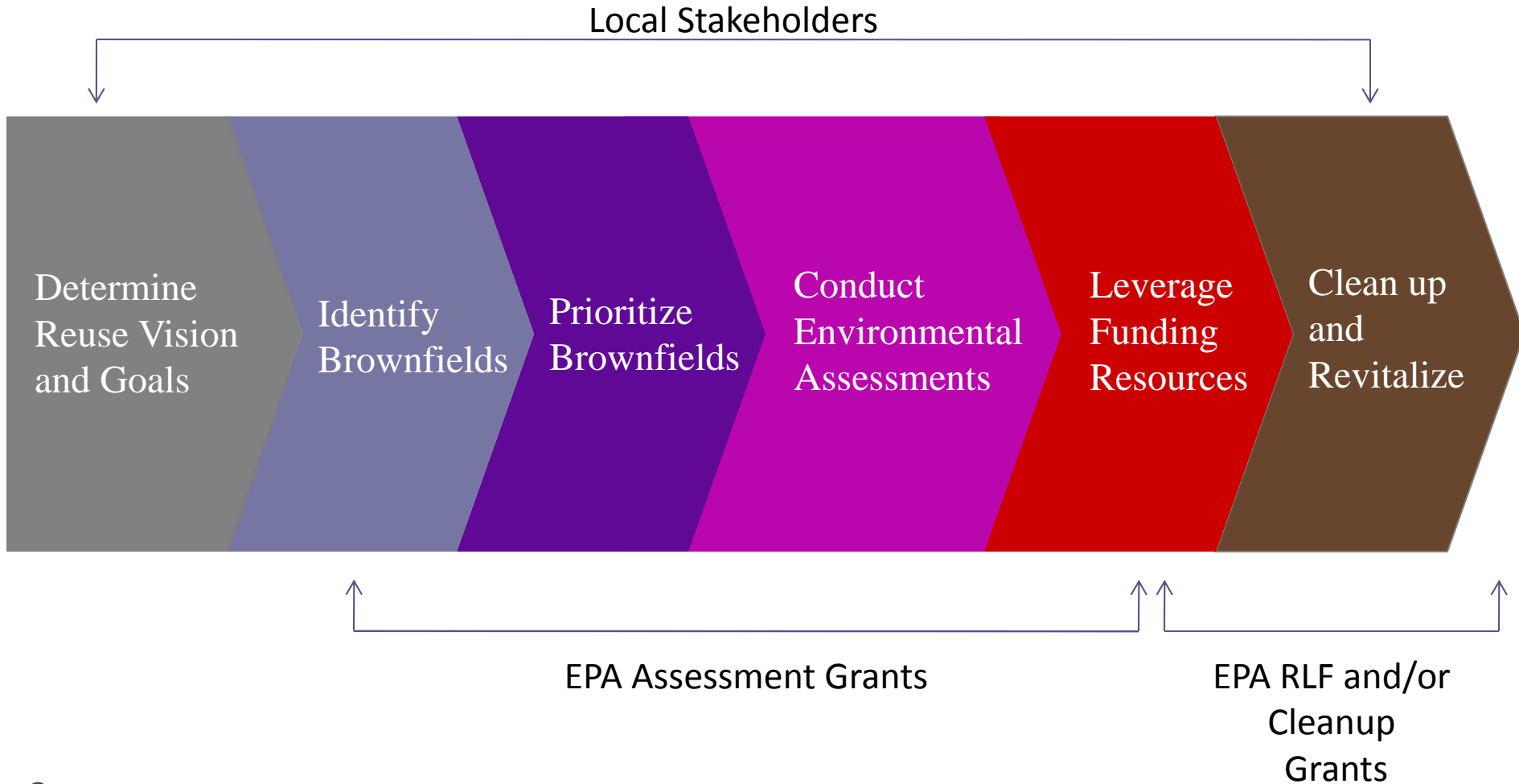


REGION 6 BROWNFIELDS

What are Brownfields?

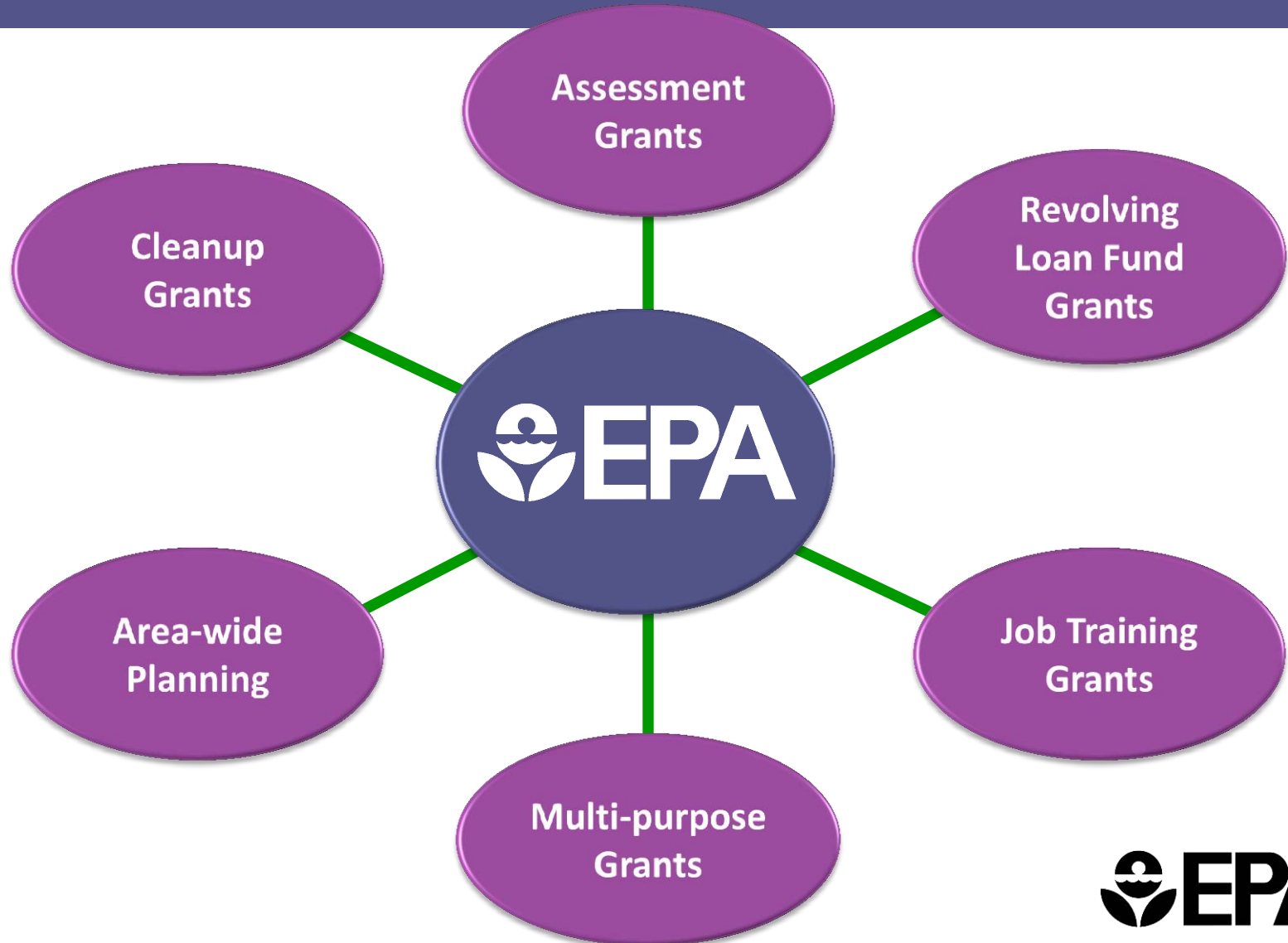


Elements of Brownfields Revitalization



Brownfields Assistance Opportunities Funding

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ASSESSMENT GRANTS – NO MATCH!

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\$200K, \$350K, \$600K

USES:

- Inventory of BF Sites
- Community Engagement
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) [All Appropriate Inquiry]
- Phase II ESAs (Sampling)
- Cleanup Planning
- Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)

CLEANUP GRANTS – 20% MATCH

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\$200K + 20% MATCH

•USES:

- Cleanup Activities
- Finalize ABCA
- Public Participation on ABCA
- State Voluntary Cleanup Program Fees
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
- Qualified Environmental Professional (Your advocate/technical advisor)
- Confirmatory Sampling (CONFIRM CLEANUP MEETS STATE CLEANUP STANDARDS)
- Community Engagement Activities

REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANTS - 20 % MATCH

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\$1M

USES:

- Loans for Cleanup Activities
 - Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)
 - Cleanup Planning
 - State VCP Fees
- Subgrants for Cleanup (eligible entities)
- Qualified Environmental Professionals For Loan &/Or Subgrant Recipients
- Community Engagement Activities
- Fund Manager
- Activities to Administer Loan

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & JOB TRAINING GRANTS – NO MATCH!

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\$200K

•USES:

- Develop Curriculum
- Market/Recruit Students
- Conduct Training
- Supplies for Students/Trainers
- Graduation Activities
- Job Placements
- Student Screening – Physical, Medical, Education
- Track Measures – Students Graduated, Students Placed in Job, Student Job Retention

AREA-WIDE PLANNING GRANTS – NO MATCH!

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\$200K

USES:

- Advance Ongoing Local Planning
- Community Meetings, Charettes
- Community Engagement – Website, Newsletters, Social Media
- Proposed Plan to Revitalize Target Area Brownfields Sites
- Identify Next Steps
- Identify Resources – Local, Regional, State, Federal
- Host Federal Partners Meeting(s)
- Inventory Brownfields Sites

MULTI-PURPOSE GRANTS – NO MATCH!

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\$550K

USES:

Assessments:

- Phase I ESA
- Phase II ESAs
- Cleanup Plans
- ABCA
- Community Engagement

Cleanups:

- State VCP Fees
- Qualified Environmental Professional
- Cleanup Activities
- Confirmatory Sampling AFTER Cleanup
- Community Engagement

Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, Cleanup (ARC) – Brownfields Grants Schedule

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General ARC Grant Schedule

- Guidelines posted mid-late August
- Proposals due 60 days from date of posted guidelines
- Selections announced following May
- Grants awarded following October



Overview ARC Grant Review Process

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- **THRESHOLD CRITERIA**

- Pass/Fail

- **RANKING CRITERIA**

- Accrue Points
 - ❖ Assessment 200 Points
 - ❖ Revolving Loan Fund 100 Points
 - ❖ Cleanup 100 Points

Overview ARC Grant Review Process

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Proposal Process Step 1:

Pass/Fail Threshold Criteria

- ▣ Evaluated by your EPA Region
- ▣ Clarification by your EPA Region to Determine Eligibility after Submittal
- ▣ If Applicant and/or Brownfields Site Does Not Meet Threshold Criteria, Application Will Not Be Scored/Ranked



Overview ARC Grant Review Process

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Proposal Process Step 2: Receive Ranking Criteria Score

- ▣ Evaluated by a National Panel
 - ▣ Reviewers are from SOMEWHERE ELSE
 - ▣ Scores Based on PROPOSAL

- ▣ REMEMBER . . . Scores!
 - ❖ Assessment 200 Points
 - ❖ Revolving Loan Fund 100 Points
 - ❖ Cleanup 100 Points



RANKING CRITERIA

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POINTS!!!

ASSESSMENT – 200 Points

RLF – 100 Points

CLEANUP – 100 Points



COMMUNITY NEED



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- Environmental Issues include:
 - # of BF Sites, Size of BF Sites
- Health Concerns
- Social Concerns
- Disproportionate Impact to Community from BF sites
- SENSITIVE POPULATIONS:
 - Children?
 - Women of Child-Bearing Age?
 - Seniors?
 - Minorities?
 - African American %?
 - Latino %?
 - Asian American %?
 - Native American %?

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS



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ASSESSMENT

- # Phase I ESAs
- # Phase II ESAs
- # Cleanup Plans
- Prioritization for Phase I and II ESAS

RLF

- Sustainability of RLF
- Loan Administration
- Subgrants?
- Target Market

CLEANUP

- Reuse????
- Cleanup Plan
- VCP vs Non VCP?

PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY



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- Include Details – Key Staff Involved in Project
- Demonstrate Understanding- Competitive Bid Process (40 CFR Parts 30 or 31), As Appropriate
- Confirm No Adverse Audit Findings OR No Audit
- If Adverse Audit Findings – Explain How Findings Are Addressed
- IF PAST RECIPIENT – PROVIDE PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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- Engage Community HOW?
 - ❖ Community Meetings
 - ❖ Web
 - ❖ Newsletters
 - ❖ Social Media
- Language Needs Accommodated?
- Partnerships Local, State, Federal
 - ❖ Health Dept.
 - ❖ State Environmental Agency
 - ❖ HUD, DOT, EPA?
- Key Community Based Orgs.
 - ❖ Proposal – List NAME, ROLE & CONTRIBUTION of Key CBO's to Brownfields Project
 - ❖ Support Letters – ROLE & CONTRIBUTION to Brownfields Project

PROJECT BENEFITS



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- BENEFITS - SENSITIVE POPULATIONS:
 - ❖ Improved Environment?
 - ❖ Improved Health?
 - ❖ Improved Social?
- Redevelopment - Equitable Development or Livability?
- Economic Gain \$, Jobs
- Greenspace or Non-Profit
- Sustainable Practices! Livability Principles! Green Building, Green Cleanup, Green Contracting!!

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

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Pass – Entry

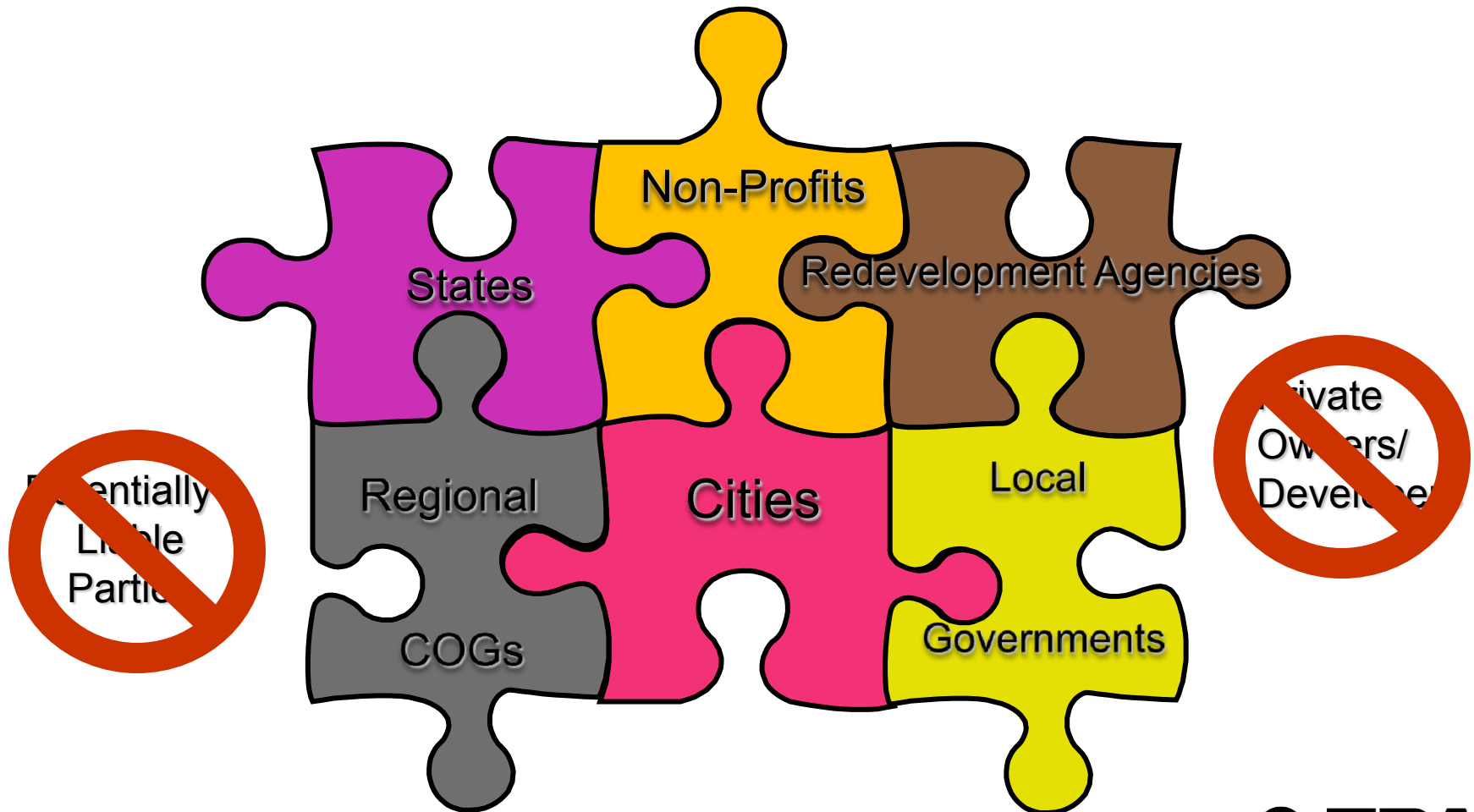
Fail – No Entry



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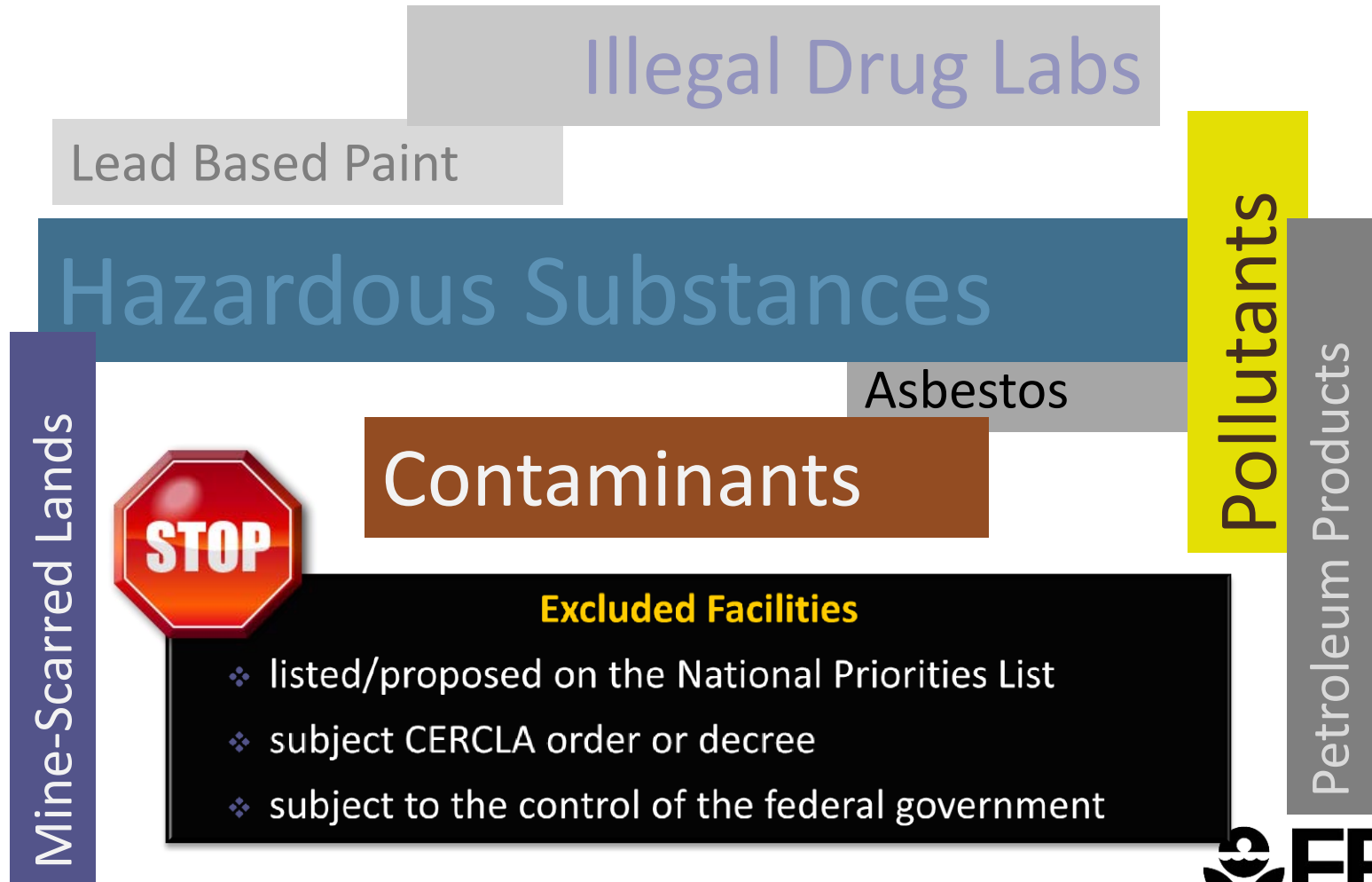
Eligible Applicants

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA: Site Eligibility – Site Specific Assessment OR Cleanup Grants

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA: ALL ARC PROPOSALS

State Acknowledgment Letter

- CURRENT Acknowledgement Letter from State or Tribal Environmental Authority – ADEQ
- Can Cover Multiple Brownfields Proposals
- Call or email Terry Sligh, ADEQ

THRESHOLD CRITERIA: Property Owner Eligible – Site Specific Assessment OR Cleanup Grants

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HAZARDOUS:

- Applicant Can Not Be Potentially Liable (CERCLA)
- EPA Determines CERCLA Liability
- IF Brownfield Contaminants are asbestos and/or lead-based paint – CERCLA may not apply . . .

PETROLEUM:

- State Petroleum Eligibility Determination Letter (Attachment)

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA: RLF & CLEANUP

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20% MATCH



RLF

- ❖ Two Legal Opinions
 - ✓ Authority to Access Property
 - ✓ Authority to Administer Loans



CLEANUP

- ❖ Phase I ESA
- ❖ Phase II ESA
- ❖ ABCA (Draft – Minimally)
- ❖ Public Notice, Public Meeting, Public Comments
- ❖ Cleanup Authority and Oversight Structure

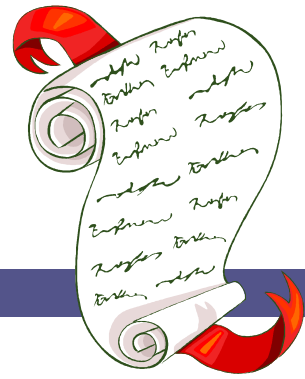
THRESHOLD CRITERIA: COALITION GRANTS

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- Three or more coalition members
 - All separate legal entities
 - All eligible applicants
- Include in proposal:
 - Documentation that all members are eligible entities
 - Coalition members' letters agreeing to be part of coalition

Overview ARC Grant Proposal

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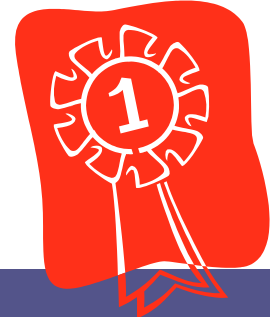


PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

CLEANUP

- ✓ Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) DRAFT
- ✓ Documentation of Community Notice/Meeting/Comments
- ✓ Owner Eligibility
- ✓ Petroleum Eligibility Determination IF applicable
- ✓ Property- Specific Determination IF Applicable
- ✓ Cost Share Waiver IF Applicable

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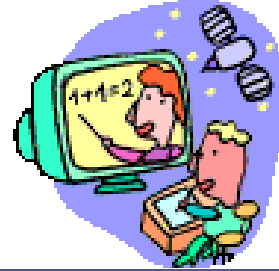


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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS CHECKLIST

- Community Population \leq 10,000
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribe
- Assisting Tribe or Territory?
- Mine-Scarred Brownfields?
- Controlled-Substances Brownfields?
- Impact from Natural Disaster (Hurricane Ike?)
- Plant Closures Or Other Economic Disruptions?
- HUD/DOT/EPA Core Partner
- Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant Recipient
- Green Remediation?
- Phase II ESA ONLY?

General Lessons Learned



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- *The Narrative Tells Your Story – Tie All the Criteria Together*
- *Remember, Reviewers Know Nothing About Your Community*
- *Highlight Your Redevelopment and/or Sustainability Opportunities Realized with Grant*
- *Any Previous and Ongoing Master Planning Efforts? Include in Narrative!*
- *Any Economic &/Or Sustainability Initiatives? Include in Narrative!*
- *“Special Considerations”? Include in the Narrative!*
- *Respect Page Limits!*
- *Acronyms – NOT HELPFUL!*
- *Maps, Graphics – After 20 Copies – How Does It Look?*
- *FOLLOW OUTLINE FORMAT PRESENTED IN PROPOSAL GUIDELINES*
- *Use Proposal Checklist*
- *READ THE CURRENT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES!*



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