Two types of project subsidy funding

**PLANNING AND DEMOLITION**
Brownfields Grant Program

**CONSTRUCTION**
USDA Community Facilities Program
Other smaller funders
   amenity specific, i.e. skatepark
   Foundations possibly
EDA – depending on uses facility serves
Donors – small or large
   ‘Friends Of’ organization
EPA Brownfields Program

**Purpose:**
Provide funding and technical assistance to facilitate the assessment, cleanup and reuse of properties

- whose redevelopment is complicated by contamination, and
- that have an identified vision for reuse and strong community support

**BIL Funding:** $910 Million Investment in Grant Programs for 2022-2023
Awards are expected to be 10-50 times larger than previously
Average success rate of applications is 30%
## Types of Brownfields Grants

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USDA Community Facilities

Purpose:
Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Rolling application period while funds available.

Kinds of funding are available:

- Grants
- Fixed low interest direct loans, or
- A combination of the two, as well as a loan guarantee program.

These can be combined with commercial financing to finance a project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.
Community Facilities Eligibility

Grant funds are prioritized provided on a graduated scale. Smaller communities with the lowest median household income are eligible for a higher proportion of grant funds.

75% grant funding of total project cost

- 5,500 or less and median household income below 80% of the state nonmetropolitan median household income (MHI).

55% - 15% grant funding (if grant funds remain)

- 20,000 or less population and MHI from 60-80% MHI or below the poverty line.
Pre-positioning Projects for Grant Funding

There’s not enough time and staff capacity after NOFO is out!

PROJECT PRE-POSITIONING
✓ Prioritize community capital needs and develop project pipeline
  ° Community needs assessment, prelim design & cost estimate, operating feasibility
✓ Target funding in the BIL
  ° Establish relationships with regional offices
  ° Engineering, environmental and fiscal analyses, and evaluation of alternative clean up strategies

PROPOSAL PREPARATION
° Community engagement / equity planning letters of support
✓ Site environmental assessment
° Site clean up strategy according to laws, regs and standards and evaluation of alternative clean up strategies
° Need statements / Narratives / Implementation plan
Grant Funding

**BENEFITS**

+ Provides additional funding
+ Can fill project funding gap
+ Frees money for other projects

**CHALLENGES**

- Uncertainty
- Will not cover entire demo/construction costs
- Staff Capacity – time & focused effort
- Technical expertise
- Delivery deadlines & reporting requirements
Council Considerations

1. Should City staff pursue grants as part of project financing?

2. Plan for Brownfields Grant Timeline?
   - NOFO released Sept 2022; apps due Nov 2022
   - Obligate funds summer 2023; expend by 2028

3. Seek consultants through an RFP process?
   - A thorough understanding of environmental cleanup regulations, relevant Federal laws and regulations (e.g., asbestos-containing materials, etc.)
   - Experience in projects that are similar in scope and nature; and
   - Excellent oral and written communication skills and can assist to leverage additional funding & resources