

EPA 2014 Brownfields Workshop
Meet the Funders



Community Development Block Grants, Section 108 and Other Initiatives

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Agenda

Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Section 108

Promise Zones

Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC₂)

Questions and Answers



Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)

- Competitive grant program that HUD administers to stimulate and promote economic and community development.
- Designed to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by *real or potential* environmental contamination.
- No BEDI funds were appropriated for 2013 and 2014



Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

CDBG provides eligible metropolitan cities and urban counties (called “entitlement communities”) with annual direct grants that they can use to revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable housing and economic opportunities, and/or improve community facilities and services, principally to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.



CDBG Requirements

Units of General Local Government

Citizen Participation Process

Consolidated Plan (3-5 year plan)

Action Plan (annual plan)



CDBG Funds & Brownfields

A CDBG recipient may use funds for costs associated with project-specific assessment or remediation of known or suspected environmental contamination.

24 CFR 570.203



CDBG Eligible Activities

Acquisition

Relocation

Homeowner Rehabilitation

Construction of Housing

Housing Services

Code Enforcement

Homeownership Assistance



Section 108

- The loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant program
- Method of expanding CDBG funds by using *current and future* CDBG grant as *collateral* to borrow funds
- Section 108 process basics: Community applies to HUD
 - Based on community's pledge, HUD issues promissory notes
 - \$\$\$ from sale of notes used for Section 108 eligible project
 - Notes are repaid



Promise Zones

- Federal government will partner with and invest in communities to:

Create jobs

Leverage
private
investment

Increase
economic
activity

Expand
educational
opportunities

Reduce
violent crime

- No grant funds come with this designation



Promise Zones (cont.)

- Five communities designated in Round 1 with 15 more by 2016
 - San Antonio
 - Philadelphia
 - Los Angeles
 - Southeastern Kentucky
 - Choctaw nation in southeast Oklahoma
- HUD intends to designate 6 urban and 1 rural communities in Round 2
- Application Deadline is November 21, 2014

www.hud.gov/promisezones



Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2)

- Overall goals of the SC2 Initiative are to:
 - Improve the relationship between local and federal governments
 - Provide coordination and support across federal programs
 - Partner for economic growth
- Components of the SC2 Initiative
 - SC2 Teams
 - Economic Planning Challenge
 - National Resource Network (SC2 Network)
 - SC2 Fellowship Program



SC2 (cont.)

- Seven pilot cities with seven more announced in 2014

PILOT CITIES

- Chester, PA
- Cleveland, OH
- Detroit, MI
- Fresno, CA
- Memphis, TN
- New Orleans, LA
- Youngstown, OH

2014 CITIES

- Brownsville, TX
- Flint, MI
- Gary, IN
- **Macon, GA**
- St. Louis, MO
- Rockford, IL
- Rocky Mount, NC

www.huduser.org/portal/sc2/home.html



Resources

BEDI

www.hud.gov/bedi

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

www.hud.gov/cdbg

Section 108

www.hudexchange.info/section-108/

Promise Zones

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SC2 Initiative

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QUESTIONS

