Webinar

*CBI’s Municipal Assistance Program*

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What is CBI?

Connecticut Brownfields Initiative (CBI) Mission

“To be the foremost program for education, technical assistance and networking opportunities on brownfields redevelopment in the State of Connecticut.”

Visit our website: https://cbi.engr.uconn.edu/
CBI Advisory Board & Sponsors

CBI Advisory Board and Professor Maria Chrysochoou, Director, Connecticut Brownfields Initiative
Outline of today’s webinar

• Presentation of the CBI’s Municipal Assistance Program
• Overview of funding programs for brownfields sites
• Hear from FY2020 EPA grant awardee, Lynne Pike DiSanto, Capitol Region Council of Governments
• Q&A
Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)

• Assistance to CT Communities at no cost to the applicant
• Service-based learning program - CBI students work with UCONN faculty, state and industrial partners

• Brownfield projects we support:

  **GRANT SUPPORT**
  EPA grants for brownfields assessment and cleanup

  **BROWNFIELDS INVENTORIES & PRIORITIZATION LISTS**

  **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**
  Preliminary Phase I investigations, sampling plans

  **REDEVELOPMENT OPTIONS & OUTREACH**
Municipal Assistance Program (MAP)

Fall semester:
- Lecture & Project
- Support EPA grant proposals

Spring semester:
- Practicum
- Phase I assessments, inventories, outreach materials
More than 20 communities have participated in 2 years of operation

4 EPA grant awardees
- CRCOG (FY2020)
- Middletown (FY2020)
- New Haven (FY2020)
- Town of Stafford (FY2019)
What does it take to...

Begin with the end in mind
Identify funding sources
Conduct due diligence

Roosevelt Mills, Vernon
Brownfields funding

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| Environmental due diligence (assessment, remediation) | EPA brownfields grants  
DECD - Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development |
| Redevelopment (specific to the end use of the site) | US Department of Housing (HUD)  
US Economic Development Administration (EDA)  
US Small Business Administration (SBA)  
US Department of Agriculture (USDA) |
| Infrastructure                              | US Department of Transportation (DOT)  
Green bank (renewable energy projects) |
| Other Incentives                            | Historic preservation tax credits, Opportunity zones |
DECD Grants

• Assessment, remediation and hazardous materials or waste disposal
• **Eligible Applicants:** Municipalities and economic development agencies
• Up to $4 million (based on previous rounds)
• Upcoming tentative dates for grant submission: **Aug/Sep 2020, Apr/May 2021 & Oct/Nov 2021**
## Overview of EPA brownfield grants

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<td>600 (coalition)</td>
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<td>Clean Up</td>
<td>Cleanup oversight, environmental monitoring</td>
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<td>Multi-purpose</td>
<td>Inventory, characterization, assessment, planning or remediation activities</td>
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<td>Revolving Loan Fund</td>
<td>Capital fund to provide loans or subgrants for cleanup activities</td>
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<td>Brownfields inventory, oversight and enforcement authorities, resources for public participation, approval of cleanup plans</td>
<td>1,000 per state or tribe</td>
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<td>Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT)</td>
<td>Recruit and train, mostly low-income people and minorities</td>
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<td>Technical Assistance, Training, and Research</td>
<td>Conduct research and provide technical assistance to new, existing, and/or prospective EPA EWDJT grantees</td>
<td>1,400 over seven years</td>
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State wide Statistics

EPA GRANTS FOR CT (2010-2020)

- **ASSESSMENT**: 7.4 (Funds), 24 (Number of Grants)
- **CLEANUP**: 7.6 (Funds), 25 (Number of Grants)
- **JOB TRAINING**: 1.3 (Funds), 6 (Number of Grants)
- **REVOLVING LOAN FUND**: 3.7 (Funds), 4 (Number of Grants)
- **MULTI-PURPOSE**: 0.6 (Funds), 1 (Number of Grants)
EPA assessment, cleanup, and multipurpose grants

Anticipated Submission Deadline
Late Fall 2020

EPA will issue FY21 grant guidelines in Fall 2020
Anticipated Guidelines based on FY 2020 & FY 2019 Brownfields Grant Guidelines:  
*A Detailed Review of the Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines*
EPA Assessment grants

Activities funded

- Site inventory
- Prioritizing sites
- Phase I & II assessments
- Community Outreach & Involvement
- Cleanup planning
- Brownfields planning
- Site reuse planning
EPA Cleanup grants

Address a single site or multiple sites - up to $500K

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be the **sole owner** of the subject property(ies) by the proposal due date
- Proposed site(s) **has not received a previous EPA Cleanup Grant**.
- Proposed site(s) **not listed** or proposed for listing on the National Priorities List (Superfund Site).
- Proposed site(s) **not** subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued under CERCLA.
- Proposed site(s) **not** subject to jurisdiction, custody, or control of the U.S. government.
- Phase II report (draft is ok) or equivalent reports **site investigations or remedial action plans**.
- You must demonstrate that you are exempt or excluded from **CERCLA liability**.
- **Additional threshold criteria related to CERCLA/Petroleum liability.**
EPA Cleanup grants

Community Notification Prior to Application
Ad, community meeting, Draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)

Activities funded

1. Grant funds can be used for direct programmatic costs such as performance reporting and environmental oversight consistent with the requirements at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E.
2. Local governments may use up to 10% of their grant funds for (see Health Monitoring fact sheet & FY19 FAQs R.1):
   a. Health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from a brownfield site; and
   b. Monitoring and enforcement of any institutional control used to prevent human exposure to any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant from a brownfield site.
3. Grant funds may be used to purchase environmental insurance. (See FY19 FAQs F.5-6.)
EPA Multipurpose grants

Up to $800K (70% must be spent on site-specific activities, min $200K must be spent on site cleanup)

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be the sole owner of at least one brownfield site within the target area

Activities funded:
- Site inventory
- Phase I & II assessments
- Community outreach & involvement
- Cleanup and reuse planning
- Developing an overall plan for revitalization
- Site cleanup
FY 2019 Brownfields Grant Guidelines: 
A Detailed Review of the Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant Guidelines

EPA Grants - proposal content

Important! You need a DUNS number to apply to grants.gov & System for Award Management (SAM) account sam.gov

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (in www.grants.gov)
+ Narrative Information Sheet
+ Responses to Ranking Criteria (Narrative)
+ Required Attachments

10 pages for Assessment/Cleanup and 12 pages for Multipurpose
Letter from State or Tribal Environmental Authority

Threshold criteria

Your www.grants.gov Application Package

Brownfield Program Requirements
Narrative-Ranking Criteria

1. Project Area Description & Plans for Revitalization (30pts)
2. Community Need & Community Engagement (20pts)
3. Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, & Measuring Progress (35 pts)
4. Programmatic Capability & Past Performance (15 pts)
Are you interested in applying for an EPA grant?

• Yes, for an assessment grant
• Yes, for a cleanup grant
• Yes, for a multipurpose grant
• Yes, but need help to determine which grant
• Not sure, need more information
• No
CBI MAP: Who can apply?

• Municipalities
• Regional Planning Organizations
• State-sanctioned Redevelopment Agencies
• Other non-profits and non-profit community development entities
CBI MAP: What is the applicant commitment?

• Assign a contact person who will communicate with the students and CBI staff and be available for periodic meetings and calls.

• Provide the necessary access and resources needed for the project (i.e., access to town files and information, connecting students to the necessary departments, providing input on the technical aspects of the proposal).

• Meet with CBI team before the beginning of the semester.

• Meet with students to provide resources and discuss project progress.

• Submit the grant to grants.gov.
What can you expect the students to do?

- Narrative Information Sheet
- Narrative Proposal (need input from you to put together leveraging resources, tasks, community partners, programmatic capability, past performance)
- CBI will contact DEEP to provide you the State letter
Who will oversee the student work?

CBI team includes

- **Dr. Maria Chrysochoou**, Professor and Department Head, Civil and Environmental Engineering
- **Dr. Nefeli Bompoti**, Assistant Research Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
- **Jackie Sidman**, Teaching Assistant, Graduate student in Civil and Environmental Engineering
- **CBI partners** (DECD, DEEP, industry)
How can you apply?

- Online at https://cbi.engr.uconn.edu/for-communities/
- Page includes full RFP and FAQs
- Fill out Google Form https://forms.gle/PbTekYVe24ip6S4B7
What is the deadline for applications?

- **Deadline for RFP submission**: July 15th
- **Initial review and communication with applicants**: July 16th - July 31st
- **Announcement of selected proposals**: Aug 10th
- **Preparatory meetings with selected applicants**: Aug 23rd
- **Fall semester begins student teams assigned to towns**: Aug 31st
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

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Potential COVID-19 disruptions?

• UConn limited reopening
• Class activities for Fall 2020 planned as normal with online plan (entirely online after Thanksgiving break)
• Meetings with students and gathering of resources early in the semester to ensure successful completion of the project
Success story

Lynne Pike DiSanto, AICP
Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG)

EPA Community-wide Assessment Grant
FY2020 awardee $300,000

- CTfastrak and CTrail transit corridors in the City of Hartford
- 12 Phase I
- 2 Phase II environmental site assessments
- Cleanup and reuse plans
- Community involvement activities
- Update current brownfields site inventory