

Brownfield Municipal Pilot Program
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Statutory Reference: C.G.S. § 32-9 cc (c) and (f); 32-9ee; and 32-9 ff

Brief Description

The Brownfield Municipal Pilot Program funds projects in municipalities where untreated brownfields hinder economic development and where funds are likely to produce significant economic development benefit for the municipality.

Eligible Applicants

Municipalities or economic development agencies associated with the municipalities. The first phase of the pilot program provided funds to five municipalities - Norwalk, Stamford, Redding, Waterbury and Shelton. The second phase of the pilot program will fund:

- (2) municipalities with populations > 100,000

- (1) municipality with population > 50,000 and < 100,000

- (1) municipality with population < 50,000

- (1) municipality selected by the Commissioner without regard to population

Eligible Uses of Funds

Brownfield investigation, remediation, restoration and/or cleanup

Eligibility Criteria

- significant economic opportunity that redevelopment and reuse provide,
- feasibility of the project,
- environmental and public health benefits,
- contribution to the municipality's tax base,
- readiness to proceed,
- demonstration of financial need,
- consistency with local and regional plans,
- compliance with Connecticut's responsible growth policies including but not limited to regional collaborations, transit-oriented developments, encouragement of public transit and pedestrian environments, mixed-use developments, workforce housing, denser land uses, reduction in use of raw lands, and sustainability characteristics, and
- other criteria as determined by the Commissioner.

Fund Details

Bond funds totaling \$4.5 million was authorized for this program. \$2.25 million has been committed to support brownfield projects, while an additional \$2.25 million is available for new projects.

Remediation Requirements

1. Properties funded under this program shall be investigated in accordance with prevailing standards and guidelines.
2. The sites shall be remediated in accordance with:
 - DEP's regulations pursuant to C.G.S. § 22a-133k and under the supervision of the department or
 - the voluntary remediation program established in C.G.S. § 22a-133x.

Other information

1. The municipality or economic development agency that receives grants through this pilot program shall be considered an innocent party and shall not be liable under C.G.S. sections 22a-432, 22a-433, 22a-451 or 22a-452 as long as the municipality or economic development agency did not cause or contribute to the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of such hazardous substance, material, waste or pollution that is subject to remediation under this pilot program; does not exacerbate the conditions; and complies with reporting of significant environmental hazard requirements in C.G.S. § 22a-6u.
2. Written permission from the owner(s) for site access is required.

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