



FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

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ACRONYMS

BCRLF	Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund
BEDI	Brownfield Economic Development Initiative
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
CDC	Community Development Corporation
CDE	Community Development Entity
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
ComCon	HUD's Community Connection
DoD	U.S. Department of Defense
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
EDA	U.S. Economic Development Administration
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Environmental Site Assessment
FHLB	Federal Home Loan Bank
FSA	Farm Service Agency
GO Zone	Gulf Opportunity Zone Act
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
LBA	Louisiana Brownfield Association
LDEQ	Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPL	National Priorities List
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
RPC	Regional Planning Commission
SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBIC	Small Business Investment Company
SEP	State Energy Program
SMARTe	Sustainable Management Approaches and Revitalization Tools – electronic
SRF	State Revolving Fund
TAB	Technical Assistance to Brownfields
TIF	Tax Increment Financing
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
VRA	Voluntary Remedial Action
VRI	Voluntary Remediation Investigation
VRP	Voluntary Remediation Program
WHC	Wildlife Habitat Council

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INTRODUCTION

Redevelopment of brownfield sites requires—among other things—collaboration, funding, and creativity. These three factors overlap significantly in the search for viable financial support of a brownfield redevelopment.

Many print and online resources provide comprehensive descriptions of existing programs that facilitate brownfield redevelopment. This document is intended to provide focus and summarize those resources by guiding you directly to the most clear and comprehensive funding information.

Federal assistance programs are outlined in table format beginning on page 3. These tables include brief descriptions and hyperlinks to the funding opportunities which include:

- Grants
- Tax Credits
- Loans
- Loan Guarantees
- Technical Support
- Equity Capital

Following these tables, the Resources section provides summaries and web links for a few of the best and most updated websites and documents regarding brownfield redevelopment. Finally, a matrix of federal support adopted from EPA's Brownfield Federal Program Guide is on page 15 and 16. We encourage you to explore these resources early as you formulate plans for the revitalization of a brownfields site and determine which federal agencies or programs may best fit your vision of redevelopment.

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This information is provided as a general guide and a starting point for identifying potential resources for brownfield redevelopment. As programs and legislation changes regularly, users of this guide are encouraged to use the links provided for additional and updated information. Please help us keep this document up-to-date by notifying us of links that no longer work or of other brownfield redevelopment resources that should be included.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR BROWNFIELD REVITALIZATION

GRANTS—

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS
LOCAL	RPC	Brownfield Redevelopment Program: Grants and Technical Assistance http://rpcbrownfields.org/Funding.html	Those who are interested in redeveloping a brownfield site and who did <i>not</i> cause contamination, including: private owners, non-profit organizations, public entities	Phase I and Phase II ESAs for sites with hazardous or petroleum contamination
	City of New Orleans	Brownfields Assessment Grants http://www.cityofno.com/pg-47-2-brownfields-program.aspx		
	Jefferson Parish	Brownfields Assessment Grants http://www.jeffparish.net/index.cfm?DocID=1167		
STATE	LDEQ	Brownfields Assessment Grants http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/269/Default.aspx	Those who did <i>not</i> cause contamination, including: private owners, non-profit organizations, public entities	Phase I and Phase II ESAs for sites with hazardous or petroleum contamination
FEDERAL	DOT	Transportation and Community System Preservation Program http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tcsp/pi_tcsp.htm	States, MPOs, local governments, tribal governments	For projects that address transportation efficiency while meeting community preservation and environmental goals (e.g., planning access to redeveloped brownfield sites)
		Various system, construction, and rehabilitation programs http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/topics.htm	See program link for additional details	See program link for additional details

GRANTS—continued

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS
F E D E R A L	EDA	Public Works and Economic Development Program (Title I) http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml http://www.eda.gov/ImageCache/EDAPublic/documents/pdfdocs2008/13cfrchapter_20iii_2d2006andifr_2epdf/v1/13cfrchapter_20iii_2d2006andifr.pdf (part 305)	States, MPOs, local governments, tribal governments, economic development districts, institutions of higher education, public or private non-profit organizations; project area must meet economic distress criteria	For redevelopment of brownfield sites, especially the modernization of industrial parks, technology-led development, or eco-industrial development
		Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, Implementation Grants (Title IX) http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml http://www.eda.gov/ImageCache/EDAPublic/documents/pdfdocs2008/13cfrchapter_20iii_2d2006andifr_2epdf/v1/13cfrchapter_20iii_2d2006andifr.pdf (part 307)	States, MPOs, local governments, tribal governments, economic development districts, institutions of higher education, public or private non-profit organizations; project area must meet economic distress criteria	For execution of activities identified in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (see www.norpc.org to view the most recent CEDS update for our region)
	EPA	EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grants http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/cleanup_grants.htm	Those who did <i>not</i> cause contamination, including: private owners, non-profit organizations, public entities	For cleanup activities at brownfield sites with hazardous or petroleum contamination
		P3: People, Prosperity and the Planet Student Design Competition for Sustainability http://www.epa.gov/P3/	Teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students attending U.S. colleges, universities and other post-secondary institutions	To research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society
	EPA/LDEQ	Nonpoint Source Management Program—Clean Water Section 319 Grants http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/319/319Guide.htm http://nonpoint.deq.louisiana.gov	States with approved Nonpoint Source Assessment Reports and Nonpoint Source Management Programs	To implement programs and projects designed to reduce nonpoint source water pollution

GRANTS—continued

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS
FEDERAL	HUD	Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/bedi/index.cfm	Eligible applicants are CDBG entitlement and non-entitlement communities; must be used with a Section 108 Loan Guarantee; cities awarded BEDI grants and Section 108 loan guarantees may transfer these funds to a non-profit or for-profit entity	For projects that simulate private and public investments within local communities
		Community Development Block Grants http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/index.cfm http://www.hud.gov/local/la/community/cdbg/	States and units of local government receive federal CDBG funds; brownfield redevelopers should contact local government for eligibility guidelines	To revitalize communities including through rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures and through construction of public facilities (e.g., infrastructure and community buildings)
	USDA	Rural Economic Development Grants http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/redlg.htm	Local non-profit utility organizations	To establish RLFs to make loans to small businesses
		Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbeg.htm	Rural states, local governments, tribal governments, non-profits	For rural projects that finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging rural businesses
		Rural Development Programs—variety http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html	See program link for additional details	See program link for additional details
	USDA/USFS	Urban and Community Forestry Program: Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/general_info.html http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/	May change with grant cycles; in 2008 eligibility was any non-federal organization excluding individuals	Grant categories are established annually and are used to meet the Council's goals. Past categories have included projects to support creative and innovative urban forestry ideas.

GRANTS—continued

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS
F E D E R A L	USDA/ NRCS	Conservation Partnership Initiative http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cpi/	States, local governments, tribal governments, governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations that have a history of working with agricultural producers	To foster conservation partnerships that focus technical and financial resources on conservation priorities in watersheds and airsheds of special significance
	WHC	Various Programs, including Five Star Restoration Challenge Grant Program http://www.wildlifehc.org/fivestar/ http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/	Partnerships of at least five organizations, including: government agencies, youth groups, universities, resource conservation councils, businesses, citizens groups, consultants, or foundations; projects that are part of a U.S. EPA mitigation requirement are not eligible for funding	To assist community-based projects that restore and conserve wetland, riparian and coastal ecosystems, build diverse partnerships and foster environmental education and awareness

TAX CREDITS & INCENTIVES—

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	CREDIT DETAILS
S T A T E	LDEQ	LDEQ Brownfields Investor Tax Credit http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/LinkClick.aspx?link=2840&tabid=269 http://legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=321885	Participants of LDEQ's VRP; transferable to another non-responsible part; credit expires December 31, 2009	Credit is equal to 15% of environmental investigation costs and 50% of environmental remediation costs incurred and related to VRI or VRA.

TAX CREDITS & INCENTIVES— *continued*

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	CREDIT DETAILS
F E D E R A L	CFDI	New Markets Tax Credits http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pubs/nmtxcr_0605.pdf http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=5	To apply for credit: Certified for-profit or nonprofit CDEs (e.g., CDCs, community development financial institutions, community development venture capital funds, small business development corporations, etc) To receive federal income credit from CDEs: private-sector investors (e.g., banks, corporations, individuals, etc)	Credit is equal to 39% of the cost of the investment and is claimed over a 7-year credit allowance period. Investors also receive stock or capital interest in the CDE project.
	EPA/IRS	Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/bftaxinc.htm	Eligible sites must meet specific land use and contamination requirements: site must be held by the taxpayer incurring the eligible expenses for use in a trade or for the production of income; hazardous substances or petroleum must be present or potentially present; taxpayer must obtain a statement from a designated state agency verifying eligibility; NPL sites are ineligible	Credit allows taxpayers to reduce their taxable income by the cost of their eligible cleanup expenses. Environmental cleanup costs are fully deductible in the year that they are incurred.
	IRS/HUD	Low Income Housing Tax Credit http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/lihtcmou.cfm	Developers or investors of projects that include low-income housing (units must be available to low-income tenants for at least 30 years after completion of the project); priority is given to those projects which serve the lowest-income tenants and guarantee low-rent affordability for the longest time period	Credit is equal to a dollar-for-dollar reduction in federal taxes paid annually to investors in a project over a 10-year period. Exact value of the credit depends on the type of financing used for the project (particularly whether or not federal funds are used).
	NPS/IRS	Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/index.htm	Eligible buildings are either National Historic Landmarks, listed in the National Register, contribute to National Register Historic Districts, or were built before 1939. Restored buildings must be income-producing and rehabbed according to standards set by the Secretary of the Interior.	For certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures, credit is equal to 20%. For the rehabilitation of non-historic pre-1939 structures, credit is equal to 10%.

LOANS—

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS
LOCAL	City of New Orleans	Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program http://www.cityofno.com/pg-47-2-brownfields-program.aspx	Those who did <i>not</i> cause contamination, including: private owners, non-profit organizations, public entities	To support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances
	LDEQ	Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/269/Default.aspx	Those who did <i>not</i> cause contamination, including: private owners, non-profit organizations, public entities; sites must be enrolled in LDEQ’s VRP	To support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances or eligible petroleum sites
STATE	EDA	Revolving Loan Funds http://www.eda.gov/PDF/RLFProgram.pdf	Small businesses and entrepreneurs	For gap financing needed to start or expand their business
	EPA	Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRLF) http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/index.htm	States, local governments, tribal governments, land clearance authorities, quasi-governmental agencies, regional councils, redevelopment authorities	For brownfield mitigation on sites where water quality is an issue
	SBA	Microloan Program http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/serv_microloan_intermediary.pdf (directory of intermediary lenders)	To receive SBA funds: nonprofit community based lenders, quasi-governmental economic development corporation, or tribal governments (intermediaries) To receive loan from intermediary: eligible small businesses	To support start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns
		Certified Development Company Section 504 Program http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html	Small for-profit businesses that fall within the size standards set by the SBA	For purchase of land; improvements (e.g., grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots, landscaping); constructing new facilities; modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities

LOAN GUARANTEES—

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	ELIGIBLE PROJECTS
F E D E R A L	FHLB	Federal Home Loan Bank Services http://www.fhlb.com/community/	Depends on the program	FHL Banks encourage member institutions to engage in lending to meet community development needs, such as housing and economic development, which can take place on brownfield sites
	HUD	Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/108/index.cfm	CDBG entitlement recipients, states on behalf of non-entitlement jurisdictions	For large economic development and revitalization projects, housing and public infrastructure projects
	SBA	Section 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/index.html	Businesses that meet SBA requirements	To purchase land or buildings; to cover new construction as well as expansion or conversion of existing facilities

TECHNICAL SUPPORT—

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	AREA OF EXPERTISE
L O C A L	RPC	Regional Planning Commission Brownfield Redevelopment Program http://rpcbrownfields.org	The goal of RPC's Brownfield Redevelopment Program is to assist with the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfield sites by providing funding, technical expertise, and guidance through the regulatory process.
S T A T E	LDEQ	Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/269/Default.aspx	In addition to funding, LDEQ's Brownfield Program provides technical assistance to facilitate brownfield sites through LDEQ's VRP.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT—continued

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	AREA OF EXPERTISE
S T A T E	LBA	Louisiana Brownfield Association http://www.labrownfields.org/	LBA’s membership offers a wide range of brownfield expertise including access to property owners; developers; local, State, and Federal agency representatives; urban and regional planners; regulatory experts; community leaders; legal experts; financial and insurance industry representatives; and environmental professionals who are experienced in brownfield redevelopments.
	CCLR	Center for Creative Land Recycling—Project Learning Program http://www.cclr.org/project_learning_prog.htm NONPROFIT	The Project Learning Program provides financial and technical assistance necessary to address brownfield-related issues, and is aimed at local governments, redevelopment agencies, community development corporations, nonprofit developers, local community-based organizations.
F E D E R A L	CEQ	Executive Office of the President’s Council on Environmental Quality http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/	The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) coordinates Federal environmental efforts and works closely with agencies and other White House offices in the development of environmental policies and initiatives. CEQ ensures federal agencies meet their NEPA obligations, and they oversee the implementation of the environmental impact assessment process within those agencies.
	Dept. of the Treasury	Community Development Financial Institutions Fund http://www.treas.gov/education/duties/bureaus/fin-inst-fund.shtml	The CDFI Fund was created to expand the availability of credit, investment capital, and financial services in distressed urban and rural communities. They administer the New Markets Tax Credit.
	DHHS	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/	The agency can review and assess environmental sampling data and other site-related information. They can also provide training on environmental health impacts on minority communities.
	DOE	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Activities http://www.eere.energy.gov/	EERE provides technical support and information regarding all things energy, including topics related to buildings, industry and weatherization which may be particularly useful for planning the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT—continued

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	AREA OF EXPERTISE
FEDERAL	DOI	Federal Lands to Parks Program http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/flp/	Assists communities in gaining title to lands and facilities for public parks and recreation purposes
		Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/index.htm	Provides river, trail and greenway planning; resource assessment; and conservation workshops; targeted to urban areas and can complement brownfield redevelopment
	EPA	Region 6 Brownfields http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/bfpages/sbfhome.htm	Region 6 includes Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. The Region 6 team can offer technical assistance with all brownfield-related issues within this region: assessments, cleanup, contaminants, human/ecological health, funding, and legal issues.
		Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities (TAB) http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/tools/tti_tech_help.htm#tab http://www.ecd.org/TABProgram.html	TAB grantees provide guidance such as: Brownfields 101 workshops; assistance with brownfields site inventories; brownfields redevelopment plans and strategies; facilitated community involvement; and brownfields grant writing workshops.
	HUD	Community Connection Technical Assistance and Information Center (ComCon) http://www.comcon.org/	The ComCon Center serves as a clearinghouse providing users with program regulations; model programs, case studies, publications on a variety of housing, community and economic development topics; funding information; training and conference announcements; and referrals to technical assistance providers.
	NOAA/EPA	Coastal Resource Coordinator—Louisiana http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/book_shelf/472_crc_state_LA.pdf	CRCs respond to local technical requirements by identifying risks to natural resources, recommending protective remedial measures, and designing projects to restore injured resources and habitats in cooperation with the U.S. EPA, the State of Louisiana, and other trustee agencies.
USDA/ NRCS	Wetland Reserve Program http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/	The Wetlands Reserve Program is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts.	

TECHNICAL SUPPORT—continued

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	AREA OF EXPERTISE
FEDERAL	USDA/ NRCS	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/	The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for conservation-minded landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, and Indian land.
		Conservation Security Program http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/	CSP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and private working lands.
	USDA/USFS	Forestland Enhancement Program http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flep.shtml	FLEP provides educational, technical, and financial assistance to help private forest landowners implement their sustainable forestry management objectives.

EQUITY CAPITAL—

	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	DESCRIPTION
FEDERAL	SBA	Small Business Investment Company http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/inv/index.html http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/inv/inventory_directory_sbic.html (directory of SBICs) http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/la/index.html (Louisiana SBA office)	To be an SBIC: privately managed, for-profit investment funds formed to provide equity and/or debt capital to U.S. small businesses To qualify for SBIC assistance: eligible small businesses (as defined by SBA)	The SBIC program is intended to fill the gap between the availability of venture capital and the needs of small businesses in start-up and growth situations. SBIC bonds are pooled periodically and sold in the public markets to private investors in the form of SBA Guaranteed Certificates. Small businesses which qualify for assistance from the SBIC program are able to receive equity capital, long-term loans, and expert management assistance. Investment managers participating in the SBIC program can supplement their own private investment capital with funds borrowed at favorable rates through the federal government.

RESOURCES

***Brownfields Federal Programs Guide**

2005

This EPA document is the most recent update which outlines the technical and financial federal resources that can be leveraged for brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. Information is organized clearly by federal agency and includes the agency's mission, its connection to brownfields, eligibility requirements, and contact information. Following the federal resources is a good overview of brownfields-related tax credits and incentives. The 86-page document also contains a quick reference resource matrix (also included here, in the next section), short case studies, and a grant writing guide. It is a must-read for brownfield developers in search of funding or technical support.

http://epa.gov/brownfields/partners/2005_fpg.pdf (885 KB, pdf)

***SMARTe**

Website, updated January 2007

A comprehensive tool intended for brownfield project stakeholders to provide information and decision-making support. SMARTe can help to assess market and non-market costs and benefits of redevelopment, to clarify private and public financing options, and to evaluate and communicate. Tutorials are available on the SMARTe website, and from EPA.

<http://www.smarte.org>

http://www.smarte.org/smarte/tutorial/tutorial_overview.htm (SMARTe tutorial)

<http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/pubs/600c05017/600c05017.htm> (EPA SMARTe tutorial CD)

***SMARTe—Sources of Money**

Website, no date indicated

Public, private, and foundation funding options are well-explained in the “Sources of Money” section. Different sections address public grants, subsidized low interest loans, revolving loan funds, bonds, taxes and special assessments, and private financing. Also included are grant writing tips and a tool for identifying appropriate financial resources for various brownfield revitalization projects.

<http://www.smarte.org/smarte/resource/sn-sources-money.xml?page=1>

Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program: Recommendations for Making a Good Program Better

September 2006

A 26-page report by the Committee on the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program submitted to the National Park System Advisory Board to evaluate the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit. Worth skimming for any brownfield redevelopment project that involves a historic building.

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/tax/download/NPSABreport.pdf> (4.32 MB, pdf)

* Highly Recommended Resource

Financing Strategies for Brownfield Cleanup and Redevelopment

June 2003

Written for the Northeast and Midwest states, this report is a good resource for all states. The focus on federal programs is limited to those of the EPA, HUD, EDA, Army Corps of Engineers, and DOT. Compared to the *EPA Brownfields Federal Programs Guide*, this document addresses fewer agencies, but goes into more narrative detail on the programs related to brownfield redevelopment. Also included are case studies and explanations of other financial tools that may be useful including TIFs and GO bonds.

<http://www.nemw.org/BFfinancingredev.pdf>

Louisiana Brownfields Investor Tax Credit

Website

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality provides an explanation of this state tax credit which provides a credit of 15% of environmental investigation costs and 50% of environmental remediation costs incurred as part of a Voluntary Remediation Investigation (VRI; assessment/investigation activities) or a Voluntary Remedial Action (VRA; cleanup/remediation activities). Included are a link to the application and Expenditure Certification Form. This credit is born of Act 156 from the 2005 Legislative Session.

<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2840/Default.aspx>

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/byinst.asp?sessionid=05rs&billtype=ACT&billno=156>

Green Builder Resource Center

Website

Compiled by Global Green and the City of Santa Monica, the Green Builder Resource Center provides information on the most popular environmentally friendly building materials, free design advice, and information about green building strategies.

<http://www.globalgreen.org/gbrc/resources.htm>

* Highly Recommended Resource

MATRIX OF FEDERAL SUPPORT

This matrix is adopted from EPA's *Brownfields Federal Program Guide* (2005, p 9-10) and is designed to answer the question: *If I want to do a certain kind of redevelopment, which agencies have programs that best apply to my needs?*

For more detailed information on the support offered by these agencies, please see EPA's *Brownfields Federal Programs Guide* (listed under Resources on page 14 of this document).

Type of Redevelopment:	Dept. of Agriculture	Army Corps of Engineers	Office of Economic Adjustment	Economic Development Admin	Dept. of Energy	Environmental Protection Agency	Federal Housing Finance Board	General Services Administration
Overall Community and Economic Development								
Brightfields/Sustainability					T			
Community Engagement/Education						T \$		
Public Health						T \$		
Smart Growth						T \$		
Specific Community/Economic Development								
Commercial/Industrial				\$		T \$		T
DoD/BRAC			T \$		T	T		T
Historic/Cultural Preservation		T				T \$		T
Job Training				\$		T \$		
Low-income Housing						T \$	\$	
Mine-scarred Lands		T				T \$		
Ports/Waterfront		T				\$		
Railfields						\$		
Residential						T \$	\$	
Rural	T \$					T \$		
Tribal						T \$		
Quality of Life/Redevelopment Enhancements								
Bike Paths						T \$		
Greenspace	T \$				T	T \$		
Parks/Recreation						T \$		
Species/Habitats						T \$		
Urban Forest	T \$					T \$		
Site Preparation for Redevelopment								
Assessment				\$		T \$		
Cleanup		T		\$		T \$		
Demolition		T		\$				
Project Financing Development	\$			\$		\$		
Planning	T		T \$			T		
Structural Rehabilitation			T \$					
Transportation Infrastructure								
Water Infrastructure	T	T				\$		
Other Infrastructure	T	T	T \$					

Legend: T = Technical Assistance; \$ = Financial Assistance

If I want to do a certain kind of redevelopment, which agencies have programs that best apply to my needs?

Type of Redevelopment:	Dept. of Health and Human Services	Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	Dept. of Justice	Dept. of Labor	Nat'l Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin	Nat'l Park Service- Dept. of Interior	Small Business Administration	Dept. of Transportation	Regional Planning Commission
Overall Community and Economic Development									
Brightfields/Sustainability									
Community Engagement/Education		\$	\$		T	T			T
Public Health	T	\$			T				
Smart Growth						T		\$	T
Specific Community/Economic Development									
Commercial/Industrial		\$					T		
DoD/BRAC		\$							
Historic/Cultural Preservation						T			
Job Training	\$			\$			T		
Low-income Housing		\$							
Mine-scarred Lands		\$							
Ports/Waterfront		\$			T				
Railfields		\$							
Residential		\$							
Rural		\$				T	T	T	
Tribal		\$				T			
Quality of Life/Redevelopment Enhancements									
Bike Paths		\$				T			T \$
Greenspace		\$			T	T			
Parks/Recreation		\$				T			
Species/Habitats		\$			T	T			
Urban Forest		\$				T			
Site Preparation for Redevelopment									
Assessment	T	\$						\$	T \$
Cleanup		\$	\$						T \$
Demolition		\$							
Project Financing Development		\$					\$		
Planning					T \$			\$	T
Structural Rehabilitation		\$							
Transportation Infrastructure								\$	
Water Infrastructure					T				
Other Infrastructure		\$			T \$			\$	

Legend: T = Technical Assistance; \$ = Financial Assistance

