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Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program Offering Cleanup Grants

The Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program is announcing the availability of cleanup grants through the Cleaner Commonwealth Fund (CCF). The CCF is a grant-and-loan fund established with an \$850,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant. The program is releasing \$182,000 to provide money for hazardous waste and petroleum contamination cleanup projects in Kentucky. In this round of grants, eligible entities, including local governments, nonprofits and quasi-governmental agencies, can apply for up to \$50,000 for an eligible project. More information can be found [here](#).

2015 National Brownfields Training Conference



\$500 Million in TIGER Discretionary Grants for

Surface Transportation Infrastructure

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced last week that \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under a seventh round of the highly successful U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program.

The TIGER 2015 grant program will continue to make transformative surface transportation investments by providing significant and measurable improvements over existing conditions. The grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for disconnected both urban and rural, while emphasizing improved connection to employment, education, services and other opportunities, workforce development, or community revitalization. To learn more, click [here](#).

Growing the Local/Regional Food System Workshop for HUD grantees

CEPM hosted the Growing Local/Regional Food System: Strategies for Sustainable and Equitable Economic Development Workshop on February 18-19, 2015. HUD Sustainable Communities Grantees were invited to this two-day workshop which included a keynote address

by Amanda Navarro, Deputy Director of PolicyLink, and a tours of the Food Business Entrepreneurship in Louisville's Portland neighborhood and Jefferson County Public Schools' Central Kitchen.



Keynote speaker Amanda Navarro, Deputy Director PolicyLink



Ten inches of snow didn't stop the participants from touring the Jefferson County Public Schools' Central Kitchen.

Upcoming Small Water Systems Free Workshops

The Environmental Finance Center Network is hosting three upcoming small water systems workshops in the region.

1) An *Asset Management and Water Loss Workshop* on April 14, 2015, in Ruston, Louisiana. The workshop is free and intended for water systems serving under 10,000 people. The workshop will answer such questions as:

- Am I spending revenue dollars in the best way?
- I can't do everything I would like to do with my system: How do I decide what is best for me to do?
- Am I providing the best customer service with the resources I have?

Asset management is one way to address these questions. In the current climate of increasing regulations, decreasing revenues, and decreasing water resources, an asset management approach is vital. This workshop will provide you with tools to begin the process and understand the benefits.

2) On May 5, 2015, there will be an *Financial Management Workshop* in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The objective of this one-day workshop is to provide participants with financial tools to ensure their water systems can continue to deliver safe reliable water for years to come while ensuring financial sustainability. Topics will cover all aspects of the overall financial management and planning of the water system fund. This workshop is designed for water systems serving 10,000 or fewer people, especially targeting local government systems facing financial challenges. Information will be shared in lecture format, through interactive exercises, sharing of case examples, and by soliciting and answering participant system-specific questions and scenarios.

3) On June 23, 2015, there will be an *Asset Management Workshop* held in Columbia, South Carolina. This workshop will address such questions as:

- Am I spending revenue dollars in the best way?
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To see a list of all upcoming trainings and to register, visit the [Environmental Finance Center Network](#).

Upcoming Small Water Systems Webinars



The Environmental Finance Center Network will be offering several webinars for small waters systems. To see a full listing of all upcoming trainings, visit efcnetwork.org.

On May 5, the webinar **Developing and Financing a Capital Plan for a Water System** will take place from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm EST.

On May 12, the webinar **Ask the Expert: A Unique Opportunity to Ask Your Asset Management Questions or Seek Advice on How to Begin** will take place from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm EST.

On June 9, the webinar **Find Money in the Water System Budget: Energy Management Project Ideas, Prioritization, and Implementation** will take place from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST.

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