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BROWNFIELDS NEWS

FY 2016 EPA Brownfield Assessment, Cleanup, and Revolving Loan Fund Grant Guidance Announced—Due Dec. 18, 2015

Guidance for the FY 2016 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Grants is available at the links below. Applications must be submitted through grants.gov this year. Check out the EPA's [grants.gov tip sheet](#). Direct links to guidance: [Assessment](#); [Cleanup](#); [Revolving Loan Fund](#)

This and more, including Frequently Asked Questions, will soon be posted on the EPA Brownfield page at <http://www2.epa.gov/brownfields/apply-brownfields-grant-funding>.

Kentucky specific [Grant Writing Resources](#) including checklists, sample support letters and successful grant applications can be found on the Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program website at <http://dca.ky.gov/brownfields/Pages/grantwritingresources.aspx>. If you are interested in submitting a grant, **you must have a letter of support** from the state program. If in Kentucky, contact amanda.lefevre@ky.gov or herb.petitjean@ky.gov for more information. Also, The Kentucky Brownfield Redevelopment Program will be holding its annual grant review party to help applicants strengthen their applications. Participants will bring several copies of their grants for review and will leave with feedback from program staff, consultants and peers. There is no charge for this event.

Kentucky Brownfield Grant Review Party

Date: Friday, Dec. 4, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (EST)

Location: [300 Fair Oaks Lane](#)

Frankfort, KY 40601

Conference Rooms 301B and 301C

Contact Amanda LeFevre at 800-926-8111 or envhelp@ky.gov to register.

The program also offers individual grant reviews. To set up an appointment, contact **Amanda LeFevre** or **Herb Petitjean** by e-mail or by phone at 800-926-8111.

General grant application assistance will available from EPA.

Barbara Alfano's presentation that she gave earlier this month on applying for the assessment and cleanup grants will be posted on the Florida Brownfields Conference website at

<http://www.floridabrownfields.org/> Check that website in the next few weeks for the presentation entitled "Session 8A: EPA Grant Writing: The ABCs". Also, tentatively, on November 10, Tuesday, there will be an EPA webinar on applying for these grants. Please contact Barbara Alfano: Alfano.Barbara@epa.gov for more information.

The **CEPM** is also available to answer questions. Please contact us @ carol.norton@louisville.edu for further information.

Call For Letters Of Interest For Brownfields Technical Assistance

Groundwork USA is offering technical assistance to communities affected by brownfields. Designed to integrate equity into today's best community improvement strategies, this technical assistance is available to non-profits, local government bodies, and tribes whose communities are seeking more equitable outcomes from their brownfield redevelopment efforts. Selected recipients will receive direct technical assistance for one year and in some cases up to two years. Groundwork USA will select up to 10 communities each year. Deadline for submission of your Letter of Interest is October 31, 2015. For complete details please click [here](#).

Brownfields Project Marketplace

The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is hosting a Brownfields Project Marketplace in Charleston, SC on **November 3-6, 2015** at the **CDFA's National Development Finance Summit**. The Brownfields Project Marketplace is a great technical assistance opportunity for brownfields communities to receive recommendations on how they can redevelop brownfield sites and find innovative financing assistance. CDFA offers free registration (two per community) to the National Summit for communities that present at the Marketplace. If you're interested in participating in the Marketplace, please contact: Jakob Dyck, Program Coordinator :614-705-1306 jdyck@cdfa.net. The CDFA provides the **Brownfields Technical Assistance Program** free to communities looking to connect their brownfield projects with financing and funding sources. This includes communities that do not have a Brownfields grant with EPA. Learn more at <http://www.cdfa.net>.

KENTUCKY EVENTS

"A Matter of Principle" 2015 EPA Environmental Justice Workshop

Date: Friday, October 30, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Location: University of Louisville-Shelby Campus
9001 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40222

Description:

The Environmental Protection Agency is hosting an Environmental Justice (EJ) workshop for various stakeholder groups in Kentucky. The workshop will provide attendees with fundamental knowledge of EJ, best practices for addressing EJ concerns, benefits of considering EJ throughout the decision making process, community engagement techniques, and effective stakeholder communication.

What will I learn?

- Why consider environmental justice in decision making, policy development, and etc.
- Innovative ways to engage the community
- How to prepare for stakeholder engagement
- How to be involved in the regulatory process
- Opportunities to get involved

Who Should Attend?

Kentucky Environmental Regulators, Industry Representatives, City Administrators, Public Officials, Academia/Educators and Community Members

Features:

Speakers from EPA, State and Community Organizations
World Cafe Style Discussion Groups
Panel Discussion
Technical Resources and Live Demonstration of EJ Tools

WORKSHOP IS FREE but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Click [here](#) to register:

WEBINARS

Water Systems Board and Staff Communications

Date: November 3, 2015

When: 2:30PM-3:30PM EDT : 11:30AM-12:30PM PDT

Presenters: Glenn Barnes, Senior Project Director-EFC at UNC Chapel Hill

Register

Financially healthy water systems depend on good relationships between the staff who operate and manage the system and governing boards who approve rate changes. This free webinar will examine strategies that staff can use to communicate the need for rate adjustments and other policy changes. The webinar will also discuss the results of a nation-wide survey of managers and elected officials on what factors lead to successful staff/board relations. While the survey focused on water systems operated by local government, the findings will be relevant to any water system with a governing board that approves rate changes.

This webinar is designed for water systems serving 10,000 or fewer people. Owners of privately owned systems, consultants, and technical assistance providers serving small water systems are also invited to participate.

OTHER EVENTS

Food Recovery Summit

Date: November 16-18, 2015

Where: Charleston, SC

The Southeast Recycling Development Council is proud to host the Food Recovery Summit in conjunction with US EPA and BioCycle. This premiere and unique event will feature both high-level discussions and hands-on practical sessions aimed at preventing food waste, expanding food reuse and donation, and increasing the recovery of discarded food. With a recently announced national goal of reducing food waste by 50% by 2030, it's time to get to work! Co-hosted by SC DHEC and NC DENR.

REGISTER HERE

The Food-Energy-Water Nexus

16th National Conference and Global Forum on Science, Policy and the Environment

Date: January 19-21, 2016

Join over 1,200 scientists, engineers, policy experts, program managers and leaders in government, business and civil society as part of an emerging Community of Practice, supported by new funding and partnerships.

Create new tools, new understanding and new integrated solutions to providing food, energy and water to a projected 9 to 11 billion people

worldwide. Find solutions that go beyond trading-off unintended damages in one area for benefits in another.

Featured Speakers:

- **France Cordova**, Director, National Science Foundation
- **Tom Vilsack**, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Ertharin Cousin**, Executive Director, UN World Food Programme
- **Daniel Barber**, Executive Chef, Blue Hill Farm
- **Nebojsa Nakicenovic**, Deputy Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
- **Catherine Novelli**, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment, U.S. Department of State
- **Kathleen Merrigan**, Executive Director, Sustainability Institute, George Washington University
- **Jeffrey Sachs**, Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University
- **Veerabhadran Ramanathan**, Distinguished Professor, Scripps Institute of Oceanography
- **Rita Colwell**, Distinguished Professor, University of Maryland

National Equity Atlas

Policy Link has updated their Equity Atlas to include new data for the 100 largest cities. The previous Equity Atlas only included data on states and regions. Here is a [link](#) to the archived webinar on the new data.

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