



Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

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EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant 2011 – Fact Sheet

Purpose of Grant Program

The EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant is being sought to facilitate a mechanism to evaluate and inventory contaminated properties in Southwest Florida complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants.

Program Benefits

Cleaning up brownfields and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructures, encourages additional investment within the region, and can create and preserve open space. This concept is a unique approach to improving the local economy and protecting the environment.

Proposed Project location

The US 41 Corridor will be the focus area for the grant program. The project will extend each side of the US 41 Corridor for 1 mile but is not limited to the focus area. The project will allow sites to be assessed along the US 41 Corridor from the Sarasota/Charlotte County line to the Collier/Broward County line.

What are Assessment Coalitions?

Three (3) or more eligible entities such as local units of governments and quasi-governmental entities; regional councils; redevelopment agencies and government entities created by the state legislature can apply for the grant.

Southwest Florida Brownfields Partnership

The SWFRPC will serve as the Lead Coalition Member with other local entities serving on the Southwest Florida Brownfields Committee as partners. **Coalition members are not eligible to apply for individual Community-wide or Site-specific Assessment grants in the year they apply as part of a coalition.**

EPA Grant Amount

\$1,000,000

Local Matching Funds Required?

None Required

Brownfields Project Timeline

September 2011: Secure all necessary local funding for grant preparation

September 2011: Letters of Commitment are due for grant preparation/partnership

Mid September 2011: Anticipated Grant release

September/November 2011: Letters of Support are due

Grant Submittal: TBD

Period of Performance

24-36 Months