



**BROWNFIELD VISION &
ACTION PLANNING
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
OPPORTUNITY**

The Colorado Brownfields Partnership helps communities understand brownfields redevelopment as a key tool for revitalization and economic development. We provide information, resources, and support to catalyze redevelopment of core areas. This assistance program is designed to help communities develop a shared vision and practical plan to advance reuse of brownfields sites.

BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT VISIONING

Many communities have brownfield sites: properties that sit unused due to suspected or known contaminants. These sites can hinder community efforts at revitalization. Using brownfields tools, these properties can transform to help spur redevelopment. Colorado Brownfields Partnership can help your community develop a vision for the reuse of a site or cluster of properties and an action plan for getting there utilizing brownfields resources.

This results in clear goals for redevelopment of the brownfield sites; an articulated rationale with criteria for any municipal investment; and an action plan for moving the project forward.

WHAT IS CBP VISIONING & PLANNING ASSISTANCE?

Visioning and planning assistance supports the community in exploring current needs and opportunities related to brownfields sites, and creates strategies to address them. Assistance awards give communities tools and resources to engage with the public while building local capacity and creating inspiring success stories.



WHAT DOES AN ASSISTANCE PROJECT ENTAIL?

Selected applicants work with the Colorado Brownfields Partnership team to meet the community's specific needs within the timeframe and budgetary constraints of the assistance program. Typically, total project time lasts two to four months. Projects usually include:

- A site visit and assessment of site- or small area-specific opportunities and challenges.
- A full day workshop with the Community Project Team on how to leverage brownfields funding and resources to support communities goals and reuse of the site; and types of public-private partnering models that support the reuse of brownfield sites.
- Two to four public engagement activities such as a workshop, walking tour, online forum, and other methods designed to develop a shared community vision for the site.
- Bi-weekly Community Project Team work sessions to coordinate, prioritize and develop action steps.
- At the conclusion of each project, a short, visually compelling report with a site-specific vision and action steps is delivered to the community.
- Assistance projects place communities in position for ongoing project coaching and technical assistance support.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications can be submitted by municipal, county or tribal governments, or non-profit community and economic development organizations. This assistance program is open to communities in Colorado that have identified a brownfield redevelopment site and are ready to move forward with planning. A Phase I Assessment of a brownfield site must be complete, with a finding of suspected environmental conditions. The assistance focus is on communities that lack resources and capacity to advance projects on their own.

Other forms of assistance are available to communities from CBP to understand, identify, assess, and plan for brownfield opportunities.

For more information visit:

www.CObrownfieldspartnership.org

COMMUNITY PROJECT TEAM

Each project is tailored to meet specific local needs and requires a close partnership with the community. Applicants assemble a Community Project Team of individuals who assist with the project activities. Critical entities include local government (staff and elected officials) and at least one other local partner, which can include community organizations, local businesses, or other institutions. If the brownfield site is under private ownership, the property owner must serve on the Community Project Team.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE

Applicants are encouraged to contact us to discuss whether this assistance is a good fit for your community and site, and for information on other assistance offered by CBP.

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APPLICATION EVALUATION

We use a competitive process to identify projects with a strong prospect for implementation. There is no required financial contribution. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Community impact**
Site reuse would have a meaningful impact for the local community.
- 2. Assistance need**
Demonstrates the need for assistance.
- 3. Support of partners**
Demonstrates specific commitments from partnering organizations to actively participate in the project.
- 4. Implementation capacity**
Demonstrates opportunities for implementation based on project results, including site control, capacity, and support from key decision-makers.
- 5. Replicability**
Has the potential to be used as a model to inspire and inform other communities.



IMPORTANT DATES

Application cycle opens:

May 1, 2022

Application deadline:

June 27, 2022 5:00 PM

Assistance award decisions:

on or before July 22, 2022

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Information on CDPHE Brownfields resources can be found at: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/brownfields> or contact:

Doug Jamison, Superfund/Brownfields Project Leader at 303-692-3404 or doug.jamison@state.co.us

For more information about the Colorado Brownfields Partnership, please contact:

Erica Heller, CBP Program Manager at 970-340-2959 or info@CObrownfieldspartnership.org visit: www.CObrownfieldspartnership.org

APPLICATION

- 1. Site and community narrative** (300 words)
Describe the site(s), location within the community, and importance of reuse/ redevelopment of this site to the community. Attach a site location map, such a Google Map with the parcel(s) indicated. Note: If you are applying for assistance for more than one site, the sites should be closely clustered in a small area, such as within a block or two.
- 2. Brownfield conditions** (150 words max)
Describe the brownfield conditions on the site, including the historical use and suspected contaminants identified in the Phase I Assessment. Attach a copy of Phase I Targeted Assessment Report, and of additional assessment reports, if any.
- 3. Community Project Team** (250 words max)
Indicate the name, title, and affiliation of each individual who has committed to serving on the Community Project Team, if assistance is awarded. Describe the interest of each organization in participation in this Assistance project and how those with decision-making authority are involved.
- 4. Capacity statement** (250 words max)
Describe the community's readiness to take on the project and implement the recommended actions. Include the barriers you would face and time you estimate it would take to achieve a community-serving outcome without this assistance.
- 5. Letters of support** (up to three)
Submit letters of support from key project partners or stakeholders that the project will benefit. If the application is being submitted by a local non-profit, a letter of support from the local government is required. If the brownfield site is under private ownership, a letter of support from the property owner, with a stated commitment to serving on the Community Project Team, is required.

Submit your application online at:

www.CObrownfieldspartnership.org/AssistApply