Site Specific Assessment 104k

- Washington County Commissioners- Mike’s Cleaners
- Redeveloped into Carlena’s Eyeable Ink- Tattoo Parlor
Coalition Grants

- Greater Moscow Area Coalition
  - Latah County, City of Moscow, Moscow Urban Renewal Agency
The Greater Moscow Coalition seeks to improve the environmental health, safety and economic vitality of our community.

How?
- Assessing where we can renew old contaminated or hazardous sites
- Connecting property owners to assistance and incentives
- Communication with residents and businesses

Why?
- Improved environmental health
- Improved public safety
- Improved social welfare
- Increased green space and parks
- Increased property values
- Increase in leveraged funds
- Expedited development of the southwest Moscow Industrial Park

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Cleanup Grants

- Fall 2015
- $200K per site, up to $600K
- 20% match
- Fee Simple Ownership
- Government or Nonprofit
Cleanup Grants

- Salmon Urban Renewal Agency- Beasley Property
- Salmon River Development Agency (SRDA) purchased property and was awarded a Cleanup Grant in 2005
Town Square Park, Salmon Idaho
Revolving Loan Fund

• Fall 2015 – (Biannual)
• $1 Million
• For cleanup subgrants & loans
• Loan amount & interest returns to grantee
• Strategies for small & rural communities
RLF Case Studies

• BizOregon
  – Port development
  – Hospital demolition
  – Leverages state funds
• Portland has separate program

• California DTSC
  – 6 Housing Projects ~$4M
  – 5 Open Spaces Projects $1.76M subgrants
  – 2 Community Redevelopment Projects $400K grant
  – 1 School $600K subgrant

• Several CA cities have RLF
Other EPA Resources

• Workforce development
• Sustainable Communities
• Green Infrastructure
• Green Building
• Re-Powering America’s Lands
• HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership
Funding & Financial Resources

- Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Energy
- Army Corps of Engineers
Funding & Financial Resources cont’d

• State
  – Parks, housing, infrastructure, planning etc.
  – i.e., Gem Grants, URAs

• Tax Credits
  – Historic
  – New Markets Tax Credits

• Council of Development Financing Agencies (CDFA)
Small, Tribal or Rural?

- Capacity
- Volume of work
- Consider teaming
  - Communitywide
  - Coalition
- Examples
  - NEOEDD (OR)
  - SCEDD (CA)
  - Nye County (NV)
  - Coleville (WA)
  - Gila River (AZ)
  - Nez Perce (ID)
  - Brea (CA)
Grant Implementation

- EPA and CCLR resources
- Strong consultant team
- Community outreach
- Engaging Interested property owners
- Site access
- Procurement
Proposal Guidelines Overview

• September/October RFP
• 15 page proposals + attachments
• Submit on grants.gov
• Threshold criteria: pass/fail
• Ranking criteria
Getting Started Early

• Read the Guidelines (or last years’)
• Address Threshold Criteria ASAP
• Visit www.tabez.org for template & proposals
• Many tips in the FAQs
• Not sure what EPA is looking for? Ask!
Follow the latest Grant Guidelines and the Outline provided
• Address each section and subpart – leave no blanks
• Repeat information as needed for each criteria
• Follow the format requirements! (font, pages, margins, etc.)
• No Binders- No color or fold-out maps
• Proposal should be “Copy Ready”
Threshold Criteria

• Site eligibility - Consult with EPA R10/IDEQ
  – Hazardous Substances and Petroleum
  – Site-specific determination

• Applicant eligibility

• Obtain State Letter

• Prepare any required reports, noticing & meeting

• Property-owner eligibility (for site-specific)
1. Community Need
2. Project Description
3. Partnerships
4. Project Benefits
5. Grant Management Capability
Community Need

- What are the Brownfield problems? Be specific
- Demographic Information: cite data sources
- Cumulative environmental impacts
  - Provide data
  - Address in “Project Benefits”
- Identify your economic need for the project
- Defining project area - gerrymander
Data sources

- www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/demographics.htm or your COG
- datawarehouse.hrsa.gov
- www.atsdr.cdc.gov/
- www.statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/
- www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/
- www.ihs.gov/hpdp/index.cfm
- www.census.gov/acs/www/
- www.bls.gov/bls/unemployment.htm/
- tabez.org/
Project Description

- Hazardous substance & Petroleum funding
- Talk to consultants, if necessary
- Make sure your request matches your need
- Provide a narrative for each budget task
- Leave time/budget for outreach/planning
- Do the math on your budget
Partnerships

• Past involvement

• Community role
  – In grant application
  – In implementation

• Sectors
  – NGO
  – Other public & government
  – Business
Project Benefits

- Health, Environmental, Economic benefits
- Less is more
- Be specific about the anticipated benefits
- Circle back to impacts
- Quantitative information is best, even estimates
- Reference specific policies/ordinances that impact the environmental outcomes
General Tips - 1

• Write for a national audience: Do not assume reviewer understands your region or community, history or “issues” (no local jargon)
• Proposal tells a complete story: Connect community needs, impacts, project & benefits
• Answer all Guidance questions in order
• It’s about the points
• Write your proposal like a story – with data
• Have a Vision and convey it to the reviewer
• Be Unique – not a “mass produced” proposal
• Write “Newspaper style” important points first! (no plot)
• Be positive – No negative statements
• Highlight Critical information & points
• Cite data sources
• No data? Consider “potential impacts” of contaminants & brownfields on health and the community quality of life
• Provide partners with meaningful roles
• Include any “commitments” or “plans” from developers or investors, even if “qualified”
• Everything that will or may be done to improve the community may be considered “leveraging”
General Tips - 4

• Identify the sustainable aspects of your policies, plans, and practices

• Build on existing work; i.e.
  – Affordable housing, Transit oriented development, Commercial revitalization, Open space

• Review the livability & sustainability principles
  – Is your project is consistent with these goals?

• Outputs & outcomes:
  – Demonstrate that you can deliver
  – Leverage
• What other technical assistance & resources have been considered & why an assessment grant is necessary
• Site-specific or community-wide?
• Don’t need to know specific sites up front
• Coalitions: partners with common goals & commitment
• Plan for site prioritization & access challenges
• Anticipate the environmental oversight
Tips for Cleanup Grants

• Additional threshold requirements
  – Cost share – may be waived
  – Community meeting, notice and Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)

• Choose a catalyst site

• Consider all components of remedial action, including low impact remediation and protection of community during clean-up

• Identify specific in-kind cost share or leveraging sources

• Contact workforce development providers in the area
Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- Additional threshold requirement - Cost share
- Identify sites that are ready for cleanup
- Assemble a strong team and partnerships
- Develop a strong business plan
- Develop a clear cleanup oversight structure
- Highlight other funding sources, cost share, leveraging and job opportunities
EPA, IDEQ & CCLR assistance

- Threshold
  - Site eligibility
  - Owner eligibility
  - Noticing/meeting

- Ranking
  - Peer review
Consultants & proposals

- Fee-based or free assistance
  - Beware of *conditions*

- Questions to ask:
  - References
  - Local?
  - Team?
  - How many written / how many successful?
  - How does their proposal fit with redevelopment plans?
  - Outputs & outcomes? Define *success*
Thank you

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