Eligibility Requirements

**Applicant:** Cities, villages, townships, and private entities located within Ottawa County are eligible to apply. Private entities based outside of the County may apply for an incentive as long as the proposed project site is located within Ottawa County. Individuals are not eligible.

**Use of funds:** Incentives may only be used for the activities listed below. The Authority reserves the right to approve the use of incentives for activities other than those listed here on a case-by-case basis.

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessments
- Preparation of a Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA)
- Due care planning

**Liability:** Liable parties may not be relieved of their responsibility for performing response activities under state and federal law, or permitted to benefit from the investment of public funds. Liable parties are defined in Part 201, Sections 20101 and 20126, and Part 213, Section 21323a of the NREPA. If, based on available information, the County believes there may be a liable party that could benefit from the proposed Incentive, the County may request information needed to make a liability determination from the applicant or other project participants as a condition of funding.

**Match:** Matching funds are not required, but are encouraged. For the purposes of BIP, matching funds are defined as other federal, state, local, or private monies to be applied toward total cost of the BIP approved activity.

**Projects:** In order to qualify for an Incentive, the Incentive must be used for appropriate environmental response activities for a project site’s future use, and result in economic and/or environmental benefit. Project sites must be located in Ottawa County.

- Benefits can include the investment of private funds, restoration of green/recreational space, an increased tax base, and/or creation of new jobs (permanent part-time and full-time) within the next five years. Construction and other temporary jobs are not to be considered in application evaluations.
- The environmental response activities for which Incentives are requested must be appropriate and necessary for the desired site reuse. The property must be a known or suspected facility (an area, place, or property where a hazardous substance in excess of the concentrations described in Part 201, Section 20120a(1)(a) or (17), of the NREPA, has been released, deposited, disposed of, or otherwise comes to be located). Incentives are contingent on the applicant’s access to the property to conduct response activities.

*The Ottawa County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority reserves all rights to accept or reject any proposed projects.*