



Brownfield Incentive Program

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Eligibility Requirements

Applicant: Cities, villages, townships, and private entities located within Ottawa County (the 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 the County, and that the entity does not have any outstanding or delinquent tax liabilities.

Use of funds: Incentives may only be used for the activities listed below. The County 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
- Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA)
- Preparation of Due Care or Brownfield Plan

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.

Project benefits: In order to be eligible for an Incentive, the proposed project must do at least one or more of the following:

- Assess environmental contamination conditions at a known or suspected facility (an area, place, or property where a hazardous substance in excess of the concentrations described in Part 201 of [Public Act 451 of 1994](#) Section 20120a(1)(a) or (17), has been released, deposited, disposed of, or otherwise comes to be located).
- Eliminate conditions of blight as defined in [Public Act 381 of 1996](#) Section 125.2652c
- Relieve conditions of functional obsolescence as defined in [Public Act 381 of 1996](#) Section 125.2652u.
- Preserves a historic resource as defined in [Public Act 270 of 1984 Section 90a](#).

The proposed project must also achieve at least one or more of the following:

- Create jobs
- Increase tax base
- Catalyze redevelopment

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