EPA resources for Funding Tools and Strategies for Sustainable Infrastructure webinar, 6/10/22

Two upcoming brownfields webinars that might be of interest, featuring nonprofits that have received EPA Brownfields Grants. The learning objectives are to:

- Share strategies that these nonprofits use to address brownfields as part of their larger community revitalization efforts, and
- Build capacity amongst different types of nonprofits to tackle brownfield issues.

Nonprofit Know-How: Webinar 1 (Jun 22, 2022 01:00 PM Eastern Time)

Focus on nonprofits managing the transformation of large, rural brownfields. Featuring:

- Chris Campbell, President, Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation
- Steve Sanders, Our Katahdin, ME

Register: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_kMTLX9GtSgiKMpFEksYbPQ

Nonprofit Know-How: Webinar 2 (Jul 20, 2022 01:00 PM Eastern Time)

Focus on nonprofits who transformed brownfields into neighborhood assets. Featuring:

- Barnaby Evans, Peter Mello: WaterFire (Providence, RI)
- Julie Pezzino, Children's Museum & Theatre (Portland, ME)
- Jim Becker, Richmond Community Foundation (Richmond, CA)

Register: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_iiG6IOo0R2aDi4OF_cSRmA

Smart growth and community revitalization resources (https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth)

- Infrastructure Financing Options for Transit-Oriented Development

 (https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/infrastructure-financing-options-transit-oriented-development):
 Identifies financing mechanisms and strategies that communities can use to plan and build TOD
 (some of the specific mechanisms might be out of date, but the strategies are still relevant) and gives
 examples and models for funding and planning TOD.
- Smart Location Database geospatial tools: Access to Jobs and Workers via Transit, National Walkability Index (<u>https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-location-mapping</u>): Tools to help assess how many jobs and workers are accessible to a specific location via transit, and to assess the walkability of a specific location.
- Climate change:
 - Smart Growth Fixes for Climate Adaptation and Resilience: (<u>https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-fixes-climate-adaptation-and-resilience</u>): Specific changes to zoning and building codes and policies to prepare for and adapt to climate change while bringing other short- and long-term benefits, including reducing GHG emissions.
 - Planning Framework for a Climate-Resilient Economy: (https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/planning-framework-climate-resilient-economy): Tool to help communities assess economic vulnerability to climate change impacts and identify ways to be more climate resilient, with a focus on helping the business community think creatively about ways to prosper in a changing climate.
- Smart Growth and Economic Success reports (<u>https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-and-economic-success-benefits-real-estate-developers-investors-business</u>): Research on the benefits of infill development for local governments, businesses, and real estate developers and investors.

- *Essential Smart Growth Fixes* publications (<u>https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/essential-smart-growth-fixes-communities</u>): Specific code changes for cities, suburbs, and rural communities.
- Technical assistance programs (<u>https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-technical-assistance-programs</u>): None are currently open for applications; sign up for our newsletter to be notified when we are accepting applications.

Brownfields resources (https://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

- Brownfields Job Training Grants (open now until Aug. 2, 2022) provide environmental training for residents impacted by brownfield sites in their communities.
- Grants anticipated to open for solicitation in September 2022:
 - Multipurpose Grants provide funding to conduct a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites in a target area.
 - Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach.
 - Revolving Loan Fund Grants provide funding to capitalize loans to clean up brownfield sites.
 - Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant.

Water infrastructure resources (https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter)

- Links to technical assistance, financing programs, and helpful information on effective financing
- Check your State Revolving Funds for clean water and drinking water
- WIFIA (not currently open for application; sign up for their newsletter to be notified when applications are being accepted): <u>https://www.epa.gov/wifia</u>

Green infrastructure resources (https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure)

• Links to guides, funding from other sources, and other helpful info

Environmental justice resources (<u>https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice</u>):

- Grant programs (none open right now), tools for meaningful public engagement and collaborative problem-solving
- EJSCREEN (<u>https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen</u>) Mapping tool with demographic and environmental data to show where populations are overburdened

Non-EPA resources mentioned in the presentation:

- "Infrastructure coordinators help cities pursue funding, evaluate projects," Smart Cities Dive, May 23, 2022: <u>https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/infrastructure-coordinators-help-cities-pursue-funding-evaluate-projects/624212/</u>
- U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit (<u>https://toolkit.climate.gov</u>): links to tools and can help you find regional federal experts
- <u>RiskFactor.com</u> provides property-level projections for flooding and wildfire.



HUD'S SECTION 108 AND EPA'S WIFIA

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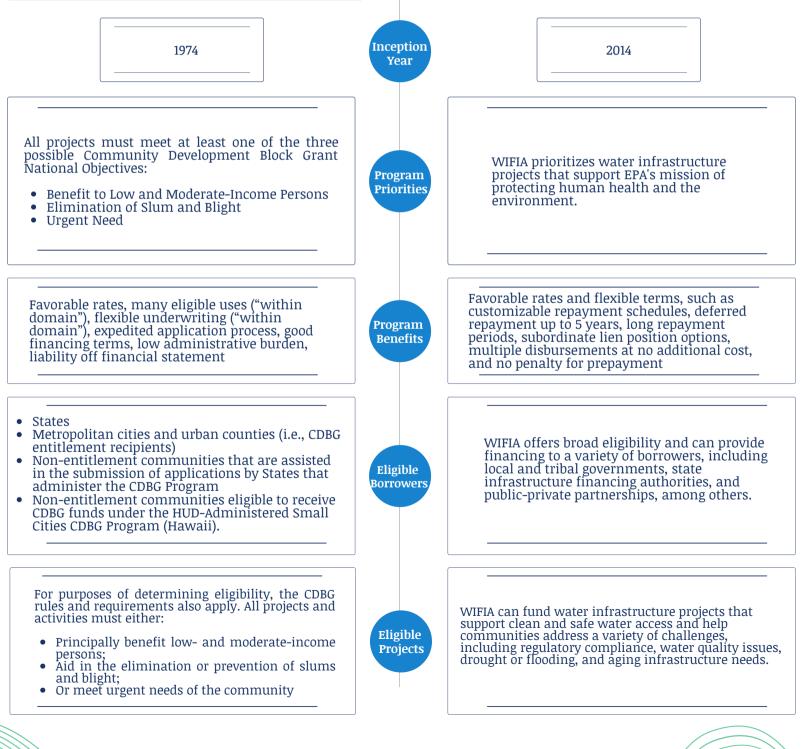


HUD'S SECTION 108

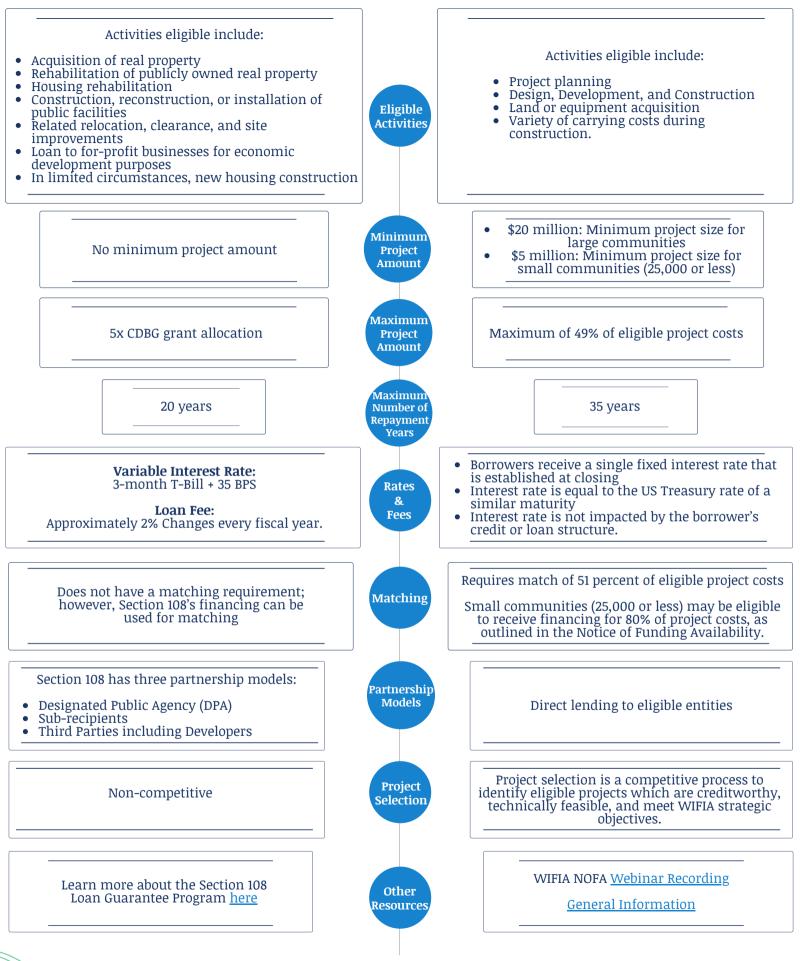
The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program provides HUD Grantees with a source of low-cost, long-term financing for economic and community development projects that range from housing, public facilities, infrastructure and a wide variety of other physical development projects. Section 108 financing provides an avenue for communities to undertake larger, more costly projects where they may have limited resources to invest in upfront.

EPA'S WIFIA

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost, supplemental credit assistance under customized terms to creditworthy water and wastewater projects of national and regional significance.



HUD'S SECTION 108



For HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, go to https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-108/ For EPA's WIFIA Program, go to https://www.epa.gov/wifia