

Administration

The Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development administers the EPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant and Revolving Loan Fund Program.

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**U.S. Department of
Environmental Protection
Agency
Brownfields
Community-wide
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What is the EPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant Program?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant Program offers environmental site assessments and reuse planning to qualifying applicants at no charge through the County's environmental consultant, in order to promote equitable redevelopment.

What is the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program?

The Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program (BRLF) offers financial assistance to qualifying borrowers and subgrantees for the cleanup of brownfield sites, where redevelopment projects support job creation, the creation of green space, and community revitalization.

BRLF Project Funding

BRLF funds may finance up to 80% of cleanup project costs.

Rate: 3% fixed

Term: Terms vary from 5 to 15 years

Fees and Costs:

- **Processing fee:** of **0.500%** of total loan request or minimum of **\$500**, whichever is greater, is payable at the time an application is submitted.
- **Origination fee:** of **3%** of the loan payable at closing and eligible to be included in the principle balance
- **Other fees:** such as attorney fees and other related typical closing costs.

Program Eligibility

Area: Palm Beach County

Sites: Must be a property/properties with proposed assessment/cleanup activities that can be completed with available grant/loan funds.

For the BRLF program, the following sites are not eligible for participation:

- Property listed or proposed for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL)
- Superfund Sites
- Certain other exceptions

Applicants: Any public or private entity with control over or legal access to a site that may have potential/confirmed contamination. Applicants are not eligible if they are found to be liable for any existing contamination on property. Borrowers must be able to incur debt and carry out the purpose of the loan.



The Brownfields Assessment Grant/Revolving Loan Fund Programs are funded through cooperative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Funded Activities

Assessment Grant Activities

- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments
- Preliminary Remediation Planning and Alternatives Analyses
- Site Inventories and Screening for Potential Contamination Issues
- Community Engagement Activities

BRLF Activities

- Remove, mitigate, or prevent the release or threat of release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, or petroleum product
- Oversight of cleanup activities
- Capping of contaminated soils
- Certain other eligible uses

Assessment/BRLF Program Activities Process

1. Contact Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development staff.
2. Complete and Submit the Site Assessment/ BRLF Application and Site Access Authorization Form.
3. Identified projects will be reviewed by County staff.
4. If approved, depending on the program applied for, the County will notify applicant and will follow associated procedures set forth in each program.