

# Regional Brownfields Partnership of West Central CT

## ARRA Brownfields Cleanup Fund – Questions and Answers

**Q.** How much funding is available?

**A.** ARRA: \$742,737 RLF: \$672,000 Staff anticipates that the funding will be over-subscribed. An application for Supplemental Funding to the RLF will be made once all the projects have received an Eligibility Determination.

**Q.** What is the relative ranking within the Evaluation Matrix?

**A.** The weighting is listed on the Pre-Application Evaluation Form.

**Q.** What date will a decision be made?

**A.** Applications are due October 15, 2009. The Loan Committee will meet to review all applications in November. Selected projects will have Eligibility Determination forms filled out and filed with EPA and DEP. Subject to their review, awards may be made in January.

**Q.** What cost will be charged to grantee?

**A.** Additional site investigation required to qualify a project will be a grantee cost.

**Q.** What cost will be charged to the loan recipient?

**A.** There are service charges including underwriting, loan documentation and LEP review, which can be capitalized into the loan.

**Q.** Will there be preference given to VCOG municipalities?

**A.** No. The funding is available to all Regional Brownfields Partnership of West Central Connecticut municipalities. Grant recipients must be a member in good standing of the Regional Brownfields Partnership (RBP). Loan applications must be located in a municipality that is a member in good standing of the RBP.

**Q.** Who will decide which projects are selected?

**A.** The Loan Committee will review staff presentations and rate and rank the applications and select a short list; DEP and EPA will determine eligibility. Loans will also require the approval of the underwriter.

**Q.** Can the applicant make a presentation to the Loan Committee?

**A.** At the discretion of the Loan Committee, short-listed projects may be requested to make a brief presentation.

**Q.** Will applicants be able to see the matrix information prepared by staff?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** Will there be preference given to sites that received EPA grant assessment funds from the Partnership?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Will there be a preference for loans versus grants?

**A.** No. Although the RLF does have a limitation on the amount that can be granted (\$268,000), all of the ARRA funds can either be granted or loaned.

**Q.** Will the application have to provide proof of the RAP or the supporting details?

**A.** Yes. Prior to submission of the Eligibility Determination, the applicant must provide proof of a valid cleanup project.