



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10/10/2023
District B, District H, District I
Item Creation Date: 8/24/2023

HPW - 20FMS52 Brownfields Revolving Loan Grant Fund Set Up

Agenda Item#: 35.

Summary:

ORDINANCE approving the creation of two Grant Funds to support Brownfield Remediation Projects authorized by a United States Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund Grant to the City of Houston; establishing the sources and uses of the funds therein for the implementation of Brownfield Remediation Projects AS authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund; appropriating any and all funds received into the Fund for the purposes set out herein and authorizing expenditures consistent with the purpose thereof - **DISTRICT B - JACKSON; H - CISNEROS and I - GALLEGOS**

Background:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt an Ordinance authorizing the creation of two new grant funds (5006 and 5007) to support activities related to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant program.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: A brownfield is real property where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of the location may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressure off greenspace and other lands.

The EPA's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant provides grant funding to recipients to pay for cleanup activities at brownfield sites. The program allows the grant recipient to provide sub-grants and loans to private and public partners to fund remediation work. If loans are provided, the grant recipient is allowed to keep the repayment of principal and interest to fund further clean-up activities or loans. Through these grants, the EPA seeks to encourage the economic redevelopment of contaminated properties.

Pursuant to Ordinance 2022-0784 approved by City Council on October 5, 2022, EPA has awarded the City of Houston a \$1,000,000.00 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant to support funding for brownfield remediation projects. The grant will be used as a tool and incentive to encourage economic redevelopment of impaired or blighted properties in the target areas of Fifth Ward, Near Northside, and East End. These target areas were selected based on community need, revitalization plans, and the capacity of development partners to clean up and reuse brownfields for public good.

Houston Public Works (HPW) Brownfields Redevelopment Program will manage the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program. Council approval of loan program guidelines and loan documents will be requested at a later meeting.

HPW requests Council approval to create two new interest-bearing grant funds for the purpose of implementing the sub-grant or loan program:

Fund Number	Fund Name	Fund Description
5006	BRWNFLD RLF ADV	Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund - Advance
5007	BRWNFLD RLF INCM	Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund - Program Income

FISCAL NOTE: No Fiscal Note is required on grant items.

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Prior Council Action:

Ordinance 2022-0784, October 5, 2022

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description Type

Description

PCA - RCA Coversheet
PCA - Ordinance approving grant application and award
FIN GM Approval
Signed Coversheet
Ordinance

Type

Backup Material
Backup Material
Backup Material
Signed Cover sheet
Ordinance/Resolution/Motion