



## **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Note to state, regional, and local economic developers: If you intend to use this program as part of an overall incentive offer to a company, you must submit a written request to National Grid's Economic Development Department, in advance of the project announcement.*

### **Program Summary**

Nearly every community in New York State is affected by brownfield sites and abandoned properties. Contaminated and abandoned properties exist in big cities, small towns, sprawling suburbs and the country side. Left untouched, brownfields pose environmental, legal and financial burdens on a community and its taxpayers. However, after cleanup, these sites can again become the powerful engines for economic vitality, jobs and community pride that they once were.

The **Brownfield Redevelopment Assistance Program** provides grants to fund utility related infrastructure improvements, demolition, and other costs that are necessary to progress the redevelopment of a *brownfield* site or abandoned building. Application requests may include but are not limited to the following:

- Demolition that results in the clean-up and re-use of a contaminated site or building;
- Electric & gas infrastructure improvements; and,
- Costs associated with the local match for NYS DEC Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) and the Brownfield Opportunity Area Program (BOA).
- Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments

Priority will be given to site or building redevelopment projects that have obtained a sufficient amount of funding to fulfill the project redevelopment goals.

**Minimum Program Requirements:** *Please review the program requirements and guidelines below prior to completing an application for funding.*

*[Note: Program assistance is only available to customers in good standing, located within National Grid's upstate New York franchise territory. (Applicants must be current in payments with National Grid or have executed a deferred payment agreement with the Company.)]*

To be eligible for this program, the **applicant** must be:

- A municipality and/or its authorized development corporation, **or**
- A 501(c)3, 501(c)6, or 501(c)4 corporation, working in tandem with a municipality and/or its Industrial Development Agency or Local Development Corporation.
- Be the owner or developer of the eligible site with the endorsement of the municipality

To be eligible for this program, the **project (site or building)** must:

- ❑ Receive electric or gas service from National Grid;
- ❑ Have existing electric or natural gas infrastructure that is clearly a barrier to attracting new industrial or commercial activity; and,
- ❑ Have a viable commercial or industrial end use strategy for the site, based on some or all of the following factors:
  - Physical condition of building or site
  - Potential for land acquisition or site control
  - Regional economic impact of successful reuse
  - Demonstrated ability to accomplish and sustain reuse as a commercial or industrial site.
  - Demonstrated ability to obtain federal, state and other funding
  - Demonstrated ability to market the site or building to attract economic investment
  - Eligibility for state and federal development funds for the total project costs
  - Strength of development partnerships and community support

### **Funding and Eligibility Guidelines**

Program funding and parameters are established annually by National Grid. Grants are available on a continual basis until all funding is expended during that program year or until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current program year. Funding is released to a grant award recipient only after the recipient has met all conditions of the program. In all circumstances, funding should be viewed by the applicant as a reimbursement for work completed following grant approval in the form of an award letter.

The grant award recipient should expect to execute a Funding Agreement with National Grid. The Agreement will outline the expectations of the grant program and the conditions upon which funds will be released.

Grant amounts listed are the maximum allowable award for each program. All applications are evaluated on a variety of factors. Some applications may not result in the maximum grant award.

If you are applying to more than one program for the same project, you must indicate that clearly on the application.

Under no circumstance will funding be released after December 31, 2011 without prior written consent from National Grid.

- ❑ Program funds may only be used for up to 25% of total redevelopment costs for the site or building for projects over \$1,000,000.
- ❑ Program funds for Phase I and Phase II Environmental investigations and other preliminary site/building investigations will be awarded for projects to a maximum of \$25,000.

- National Grid funds may be used as matching funds for other public grants. In this instance, National Grid will commit dollars contingent upon the successful awarding of the grant, but will not release funding until all required project funding is in place.
- Maximum grant allowable for a project is \$300,000.

### **How to Apply**

To apply for the Brownfield Redevelopment Assistance Program please:

Complete and sign the program application;

- Attach the required documentation as noted at the end of the application; and,
- Submit all of the above to:  
Karen Mousaw  
Economic Development Program Coordinator  
National Grid  
300 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, NY 13202

*If you need assistance in completing the application, please contact Karen Mousaw via email at [Karen.Mousaw@us.ngrid.com](mailto:Karen.Mousaw@us.ngrid.com).*