

OHIO BROWNFIELD FUNDING UPDATE - APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE 3RD ROUND OF ABANDONED GAS STATION CLEANUP GRANT FUNDING TO OPEN JANUARY 2017

Are you aware of an abandoned gas station property in Ohio that is vacant, but ideal for redevelopment? The property could be eligible to receive funding through the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA). Funding limits are up to \$100,000 for assessment activities and \$500,000 for cleanup activities. Eligible activities include assessment and cleanup of hazardous substances, demolition, property clearance activities, seeding and grading. Additionally, a \$100,000 non-competitive Fast Track is available for projects where the only likely contamination is associated with the underground storage tank location(s), asbestos, lead-based paint, or universal waste, as demonstrated by an Ohio EPA Voluntary Action Program (VAP) Phase I Environmental Assessment.

Approximately \$3.5 million is allocated for each competitive round of applications, and a third round is expected to begin in January 2017. Now is the time to start looking at potential redevelopment and funding opportunities for these sites. Langan can assist you with navigating the process and determining eligibility for your site. The property must have a documented "Class C" petroleum release (i.e. no responsible party for cleanup) and the property must be vacant or contain an abandoned structure. A partnership with a local government entity is required to apply for funding. The applicant nor the current property owner can be responsible for or contributed to the petroleum release.

To obtain more information on the program, or discuss the redevelopment potential for an abandoned gas station site, contact:

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You can also visit the ODSA website at https://www.development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_agsc.htm to obtain more information about the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant Program.