



# REPORT TO COUNCIL 5

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
October 27, 2009

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant Acceptance**

**Location/Council District:** Districts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

**Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution** 1) authorizing the City Manager to accept \$400,000 in Brownfield Assessment grant funding (Fund 2702) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 2) establishing a Brownfield Assessment grant (G18000200) with a \$400,000 revenue and expenditure budget for the assessment of potentially contaminated sites in South Sacramento; 3) authorizing the City Manager to set up a Brownfields Assessment Program to accept applications to assess sites and allocate appropriate grant funds; and 4) authorizing staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to establish a list of qualified environmental consultants to perform the assessments.

**Contact:** Diana Sasser, Project Manager, (916) 808-5519

**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** Economic Development

**Division:** Citywide

**Organization No:** 18001031

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** In November 2008, the City of Sacramento (City) submitted an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for Hazardous Substance and \$200,000 for Petroleum Assessments, a total of \$400,000. On May 8, 2009, the City was notified by EPA that the grant application was successful and that the City would be awarded the grant subject to the City completing a proposed work plan for the funds. The work plan was submitted to EPA on July 15, 2009 for approval. On September 29, 2009, EPA notified the City that it would receive the grant.

**Policy Considerations:** The action recommended in this report is consistent with previously approved policies to assist commercial projects and promote infill

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**Environmental Considerations:** The proposed action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(4)] and is exempt from NEPA per 24CGR Part 58.34 (a)(4).

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The proposed action will allow the City Manager to establish a new grant project for the new Brownfields Assessment Program. The action also allows the City Manager to accept the EPA grant funds and pay for related administrative costs authorized by the grant. The City will also issue an RFQ to create a list of consultants to complete these assessments. This program will assist with the assessment of potentially contaminated sites within South Sacramento to prepare them for development.

**Financial Considerations:** The City has received an award of \$400,000 from EPA. The recommended actions included in this report will establish a grant project (G18000200) with a \$400,000 revenue and expenditure budget.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Assistant City Manager

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-**

**ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELD  
COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND**

A. A "brownfield" is generally defined as a site which is unused or under-utilized due to the (actual or perceived) presence of hazardous substances. Brownfields redevelopment is a fiscally-sound way to bring investment back to Sacramento's neglected neighborhoods and business corridors; cleanup the environment; reuse infrastructure; eliminate blight; and relieve pressure on urban fringe. The City Council previously authorized establishment of a Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund to promote the cleanup of brownfield sites within the City for future development of such sites;

B. The City has previously accepted grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund the City's Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program; and

C. The City has now received additional grant funding from EPA for the City's Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant Program.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept \$400,000 in Brownfield Assessment grant funding (Fund 2702) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to establish a Brownfield Assessment grant (G18000200) with a \$400,000 revenue and expenditure budget for the assessment of potentially contaminated sites in South Sacramento is established.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to establish a Brownfield Assessment Program to accept applications to assess brownfield sites and allocate appropriate grant funds.

Section 4. The City Manager or his designee is hereby directed to issue a Request for Qualifications to establish a list of Environmental Consultants to complete the required ASTM 1527-05 Phase I, Phase II and other related environmental work.