



BUSINESS CORRIDOR PROGRAMS

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A Brownfield is a vacant or under-utilized property that may be environmentally contaminated and has redevelopment potential. Brownfield redevelopment removes blight, increases the tax base, retains and attracts quality businesses, provides services, brings jobs to the community, and reduces the potential of harm to the community from environmental contamination.

The Brownfield Grant Programs assist business and property owners and infill developers with overcoming the barriers contamination presents for the redevelopment of underutilized Brownfield sites in Charlotte's distressed business districts and neighborhoods. Examples of contamination may include but are not limited to: volatile organic compounds, (e.g., solvents, degreasers, etc.), hydrocarbons (e.g., oils/lubricants), metals (e.g., lead, cadmium, copper, arsenic, etc.), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Applicants can request funding from one or both of the following programs:

Community-Wide Assessment Grant

- Provides 100% assessment up to \$40,000 to property owners/developers on a per-site basis for assessment activities on properties suspected of contamination from petroleum or other hazardous materials.
- No matching funds are required
- The City performs the assessment activities on behalf of the prospective developer using Brownfield consultants
- Eligible grant expenses include:
 - Reasonable Phase I and II site assessment activities and
 - Design of clean-up/remediation activities (cleanup costs not covered)

Local Assessment/Cleanup Grant

- Provides 50% matching funds up to \$20,000 for assessment or remedial expenses to property owners/developers on a per-site basis.
- Eligible grant expenses include:
 - Reasonable Phase I and II site assessment activities
 - Design and execution of clean-up/remediation activities
 - Legal expenses related to negotiating Brownfield Agreements under the North Carolina Brownfield Property Reuse Act
- Additional restrictions may apply for sites suspected of contamination only from petroleum products.

Eligible Geography: Commercial, industrial or residential property suspected of environmental contamination and located in the City's Business Corridor Visit our website to view the program geography map

How to Apply: Interested parties must complete an application and submit it to Neighborhood & Business Services prior to incurring any assessment &/or clean-up expenses. The application must include, among other things: Current use of site; Evidence or knowledge of contamination; Proposed end-use of site with appropriate site plans

For more information, visit: <http://nbs.charlottenc.gov>

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