



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 240933

Submitted Department/Preparer: City Planning

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Approving an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant in the amount of up to \$4,000,000.00 for properties located in the Washington Wheatley Neighborhood and the Marlborough Neighborhood; and authorizing the Director of City Planning and Development to submit the application.

Discussion

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is accepting applications for Brownfield Cleanup Grants of up to \$4,000,000.00. Contamination has been identified on properties owned by the Kansas City, Missouri or its instrumentalities (i.e., Land Bank of Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Missouri Homesteading Authority) located in the Washington Wheatley and Marlborough Neighborhoods and funds are sought for remediation.

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Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. What is the funding source?
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
May increase revenues by up to \$4,000,000.00

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
One-time potential revenue increase.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?

The grant may leverage private and other public investment in the redevelopment of the contaminated properties enrolled in the Housing Accelerator program. Brownfield grant funds typically leverage other federal, state and local resources for Brownfield redevelopment projects. On average, every \$1 of Brownfield investment in Kansas City leverages approximately \$15 in public and private investment.

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

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| 1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 2. This fund has a structural imbalance. | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |

Additional Discussion (if needed)

No account string to verify as this ordinance has no fiscal impact.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - ☐ Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.
 - ☒ Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
 - ☒ Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.

- ☐ Foster an inclusive environment and regional approach to spur innovative solutions to housing challenges.
- ☒ Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
- ☐ Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

Prior Legislation

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Service Level Impacts

It is estimated that the EPA Brownfields Cleanup grant will remediate up to 9.72 acres of vacant residential and commercial land and leverage at least \$20 million in new investment leveraged for site reuse and redevelopment.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Vulnerable populations, environmental justice communities and other residents living or working on or near brownfield sites will benefit from the cleanup activities performed with the grant funds accepted by the ordinance.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
Stakeholders, including non-profits, neighborhood organizations, and interested residents were informed about the EPA Brownfields grant opportunity through public meetings of the Kansas City Brownfields Initiative and meetings with neighborhood leaders. Public input is welcomed at all meetings.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
The EPA Brownfield grant helps cleanup and reuse vacant, idle and blighted properties, usually located in developed areas with existing infrastructure, public safety, schools, parks and other public services. Reuse of these sites helps the City make more efficient use of its existing investments in these services, increase density, promote public transit, reduce vehicle miles traveled and related carbon emissions, and reduce the overall cost of providing services to residents. Moreover, Brownfield site cleanup and redevelopment enhance environmental quality, help address social inequity and environmental justice issues, and contribute to the economic vitality of the affected areas and the City overall.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

Projects identified to potentially use these grant funds will create new affordable housing.

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

Grant application.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)