

EQUITABLE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT

We **EnCouRaGe** environmental investigation and cleanup. We **EnCouRaGe** you to apply.



BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR BROWNFIELD GRANTS APPROVED

To support community revitalization, California's 2021/22 Budget provides \$500 million to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) over four years to accelerate the investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties in environmental justice communities. This funding is referred to as the Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative. A portion of this funding is being used to establish the Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG)—a grant program to incentivize cleanup and investment in disadvantaged areas of California.

Provides \$200+ million in grants through a competitive process for:

- community-wide assessments;
- environmental investigations; and
- environmental cleanups.

We encourage municipalities, public agencies or units of government, nonprofit entities, and tribes to apply for this free, foundational, and formative funding.

Key information:

- Municipalities, public agencies or units of government, non profit entities, and tribes may apply for sites they own or control, that are slated for reuse, and are in high poverty areas with the highest pollution burdens as defined by a CalEnviroScreen (CES) score of 75% and higher (Visit [CES version 3.0 website](#) for more information).
- Sites where applicants caused, or contributed to, contamination are not eligible.
- Sites should meet the definition of a brownfield: properties where the presence of, or potential presence of, hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants may complicate expansion, redevelopment, or reuse.
- DTSC will consider applications below the CES score of 75% to support rural communities, tribes, and other vulnerable populations.
- DTSC will reimburse allowable and approved costs.

Upcoming actions for the grant:

- **This fall:** DTSC launches a pre-qualification application. DTSC accepts applications for 6 weeks.
- **Later in the year:** DTSC conducts an initial launch of the full grant application. DTSC accepts applications for 6 to 8 weeks and collects public input.
- **January 2022:** DTSC announces the inaugural grantees.
- **Late winter/early spring:** DTSC uses information from the public, the pre-qualification and initial launch to enhance our ability to help communities.
- **Spring 2022:** DTSC launches the next ECRG application.

Application available soon!

Visit [DTSC's Brownfield website](#) for more information

Questions?

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