

## Financial Assistance Disbursement Guidelines State Funding

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#### **General**

The policies in these *Disbursement Guidelines* (*Guidelines*) apply to Brownfields State-funded projects administered by the Indiana Finance Authority (Authority) through the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program). State funding includes Low-Interest Loans (LIL), Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (Phase I ESAs), and the Petroleum Orphan Site Initiative (POSI). The Program also awards financial assistance for Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) on a brownfield that are funded with settlement proceeds from environmental enforcement cases.

The following general items apply to all disbursements subject to these *Guidelines*:

- All funding recipients are required to execute a Financial Assistance Agreement (Agreement) with the Authority.
- Funds are not retroactive. However, certain costs for low-interest loans that are incurred
  by recipients prior to a loan closing are eligible with Program approval. Examples include
  closing costs (i.e., legal and/or financial advisor fees), Health & Safety Plan and
  Remediation Work Plan preparation costs.
- All activities to be funded must receive Program approval prior to implementation.
- Requests for payment should not be submitted until the applicable funding conditions, if any, have been satisfied.
- Payment will be made only to reimburse expenses related to activities approved by the Program and included in the Agreement. Invoices and back up documentation are required.
- Recipients must follow Indiana Code (IC) 5-16-11.1 and IC 36-1-12, as applicable, when
  procuring services to be reimbursed with or paid for using State funds. Additional
  information about this requirement can be found in the *Guidance on Competitive*Bidding. By signing each Disbursement Request Form (described below), a recipient will
  be affirming that the invoiced services submitted for reimbursement were bid pursuant to
  Indiana law.
- All invoices must be submitted to the Program for processing no later than three (3)
  months after the issuance of a Comment Letter, a Site Status Letter, a No Further Action
  Letter, or other activity completion documentation issued by the Program. Any invoices
  submitted for payment after that date will not be accepted.

#### **Eligible Costs**

State or SEP funding may be approved for site assessment and/or remediation (and related) activities. Eligible costs depend on the financial incentive under which the state funding has been awarded. The following costs are eligible under the particular financial incentive indicated:

### Petroleum Orphan Site Initiative:

- Phase II environmental site assessment
- Underground storage tank (UST) removal
- Removal of piping associated with USTs
- Removal of drums, barrels, tanks or other bulk containers that contain or may contain petroleum, pollutants or contaminants
- Removal of source materials, including free product recovery
- Preparation of a Remediation Work Plan
- Excavation, consolidation, or removal of contaminated soils
- Installing, monitoring and maintaining soil, ground water and/or vapor remediation systems

#### Phase I Environmental Site Assessments:

An ASTM E1527-13-compliant Phase I environmental site assessment and report

#### Low-interest Loan and Supplemental Environmental Projects:

- Property acquisition (LIL only)
- Inventory/survey of brownfield sites (SEP only)
- Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessment
- Preparation of a Remediation Work Plan
- Removal of drums, barrels, tanks, or other bulk containers that contain or may contain hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants, including petroleum.
- Soil and ground water remediation activities
- Installation of fences, warning signs, or other security or site control precautions
- Installation of drainage controls
- Stabilization of berms, dikes, or impoundments; or drainage or closing of lagoons
- Demolition and disposal of structures (for LIL, only if performed in conjunction with Program-approved remediation activities)
- Asbestos and/or lead-based paint survey and/or abatement (for LIL, only if performed in conjunction with Program-approved remediation activities)
- Costs associated with fees of legal and/or financial advisors related to closing an LIL Loan.
- Voluntary Remediation Program ("VRP") administrative expenses (i.e., VRP application fee, oversight fees, etc.) (LIL only)

#### Other:

The Program, in its discretion and upon Authority Board approval, may award project-specific financial assistance outside of an established financial incentive. Eligible costs may include any of the above-listed costs.

Other important items related to eligible expenses include:

- Maximum "mark up" on all subcontractor work, rental equipment, materials, etc. is 10%.
- Travel and lodging costs will be paid in accordance with state policy and rates. The
  current policy and applicable rates can be found online at the following link:
  https://www.in.gov/idoa/2459.htm
- Some costs that are incurred prior to a low-interest loan closing may be eligible for payment/reimbursement if approved by the Program. Examples include closing costs (i.e., legal and/or financial advisor fees) and Remediation Work Plan preparation costs.
- Unless otherwise specified, funds will only reimburse costs to generate and transmit environmental reports to the Brownfields Program, IDEM, and the property owner (one hard copy and one electronic copy each).
- Reports should be printed in black and white only.
- A maximum of 5% of a funding award may be used to reimburse professional service fees not accounted for in the scope of work. These may include (but are not limited to) the following: planning/site meetings and coordination with Brownfields Program staff. These tasks must be related to the site/project that is the subject of the funding award and cannot be used for general marketing or community outreach activities. Any site-specific, pre-bid submittal professional services costs for which reimbursement is sought should be categorized as such and included in the consultant's bid. Detailed accounting of these costs will be required prior to payment.

#### **Ineligible Costs**

The following costs are ineligible for payment/reimbursement unless **approved in writing by the Brownfields Program <u>before</u> they are incurred**:

- Costs incurred prior to final execution of a Professional Services Contract, a site-specific Project Amendment, or financial assistance agreement; approval of scope of work; or before receipt of notice to proceed from the Program.
- Expenses outside or in excess of the approved scope of work.
- Costs incurred as a result of unapproved changes to the approved scope of work.
- Per diem and/or meal allowance or reimbursement.
- Certain site restoration costs, including new concrete or asphalt, reseeding of grassy areas, etc.
- Overnight, courier, or other express delivery of reports or correspondence to the Program unless the Program requests expedited delivery. Regular mail delivery is sufficient.
- Report generation and transmittal to a recipient other than the Program, IDEM or the property owner.
- Reports printed in color. Only black and white copies will be accepted.
- Costs incurred while performing field work for which Brownfields Program project managers have not been provided adequate notice (at least 2 weeks prior to planned field activities or phone call within 12 hours of discovery of emergency condition).
- Ordinary operating expenses of the recipient.
- Ordinary site maintenance.
- Construction, demolition, and development activities that are not cleanup actions (e.g., marketing of property or construction of a new non-cleanup facility).
- Cleanup costs of a naturally occurring substance below background levels; products that
  are part of the structure and result in exposure within residential, business or community
  structures (e.g., interior lead-based paint or asbestos contamination which results in
  indoor exposure); or, public or private drinking water supplies that have deteriorated
  through ordinary use, except as determined on a site-by-site basis and approved by the
  Program
- Monitoring and data collection necessary to apply for, or comply with, environmental permits under other federal and State laws, unless such a permit is required as a component of the cleanup action
- Support of job training
- Lobbving efforts
- Direct administrative costs

Payments will be made in arrears following invoice submittal and approval. All reimbursements will be made for items/charges at the unit rates included in the approved scope of work. A Program representative must provide advance approval of any changes to an approved scope of work/work plan, including changes that result in modifications to the approved budget (see Disbursement Request Form for more information). If an activity is performed under budget or below the approved amount, the difference may not be used for other activities or in other categories unless approved in advance.

#### **Process**

Requests for payment must be submitted using the Cost Analysis Spreadsheet/ Sample Form attached to these *Guidelines* as pages 7 and 8. An electronic version is available at <a href="http://www.brownfields.in.gov">http://www.brownfields.in.gov</a>. The Cost Analysis Spreadsheet/Sample Form must be accompanied by all required supporting documentation and a completed Disbursement Request

# Form. The Brownfields Program reserves the right to request additional information about any payment request.

### Invoice Information, Required Supporting Documentation

- Invoices should contain a detailed explanation of the work performed. They should identify the nature of the service(s) and/or material(s) provided, the amount charged for the service(s) and/or material(s), the identity of the provider(s), and the date(s) on which the service(s) and/or material(s) were provided.
- Required supporting documentation includes the following: copies of timesheets for each staff person working on the project during the invoice period <u>or</u> a system-generated report that identifies each staff person's name, the amount of and date on which time was charged to the project, the activity conducted, and the hourly rate; copies of receipts for any materials or items purchased (monitoring well locks, ice for samples, etc.); subcontractor invoices; hotel receipts; copies of equipment and mileage logs; etc.
- Copy(ies) of written approval(s) for any changes to approved scopes of work/Remediation Work Plan should be included with invoices for payment.
- An executed Disbursement Request Form (an electronic version is available at <a href="http://www.brownfields.in.gov">http://www.brownfields.in.gov</a>) should also be included with each payment request.

#### **Payment Processing**

- If the project is SEP or LIL-funded, the consultant should first submit all paperwork to the funding recipient for approval. The recipient should review the invoice package for accuracy and eligibility before signing the Disbursement Request Form and sending to the Program for payment. If the project is POSI or Phase I ESA-funded, the consultant will submit the invoice package directly to the Program.
- All requests for payment sent to the Program for processing must be accompanied by an executed Disbursement Request Form found on page 9 of these *Guidelines* (an electronic version is available at <a href="http://www.brownfields.in.gov">http://www.brownfields.in.gov</a>).
- The Program will review the payment package and follow up on any discrepancies, missing documentation, etc. The Program must have a complete package prior to issuing payment.
- Payment will be triggered by the satisfactory completion of the activities outlined in the
  payment request. Payment for report generation and submittal will follow the Program's
  review and approval of the report. The final payment for a project will be transmitted after
  the issuance of a Project Status Letter, Site Status Letter, No Further Action Letter, or
  some other completion documentation issued by the Program, if applicable to the type of
  financial assistance awarded.
- After invoice review and approval, an electronic payment to the funding recipient, the
  consultant, or the contractor (as directed on the Disbursement Request Form) will be
  processed by the Program. In order for you to receive payment, please confirm that the
  electronic payment information included on the Disbursement Request Form is current
  and correct.

**Forms**The following is a list of applicable forms for State-funded projects:

- Cost Analysis Spreadsheet/ Sample Form (pages 7-8; electronic copy at http://www.brownfields.in.gov)
- Disbursement Request Form (page 9; electronic copy at http://www.brownfields.in.gov)

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#### INDIANA BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM - DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM

**Instructions**: This Disbursement Request Form is to be typed and completed by the Financial Assistance Agreement Recipient for each payment request.

- The Disbursement Request Form is to be used for all eligible costs associated with the Financial Assistance Agreement Recipient's brownfields redevelopment project.
- Attach a copy of the claim (a bill, invoice or a statement) supporting this Request.
- Requested amounts must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
- Attach the Program change order approval if any part of the current claim is a result of a change order.

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