

City of Burlington / CDBG 2012 Application Form

Eligibility _____ National Objective _____ NRSA _____
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Project # _____
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Project Name: Burlington Brownfields Program

Project Location/Address: Brownfield sites City-wide

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I. CDBG Funding Request:

\$47,000

II. Project Summary:

CDBG funding would be used to continue, improve, and expand the redevelopment of the City's brownfield sites (defined by EPA as "...abandoned, idled or under-used properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination"), focusing on affordable housing development, small/medium business growth, and green space creation.

III. Description of Organization:

The Community and Economic Development Office is a Department of the City of Burlington. CEDO works with the community to foster economic vitality; preserve and enhance neighborhoods, quality of life and the environment; and promote equity and opportunity for all residents of Burlington. In support of its mission, CEDO works in partnership with citizens, the public and private sector, and other city departments to: strengthen the quality of life in Burlington's neighborhoods; preserve and develop decent, safe and affordable housing opportunities; maintain and improve the vitality of Downtown, the Pine Street area and neighborhood business districts; encourage a thriving small business sector; foster job growth and employment opportunities; increase civic engagement and citizen participation; support the delivery of human services; and revitalize Burlington's waterfront.

CEDO is funded through Federal and State grants and the Housing Trust Fund. CEDO has four divisions: Housing, Economic Development, Community Development and the Community Justice Center – plus administrative and Special Projects staff. CEDO works a variety of development activities throughout the City but principally focuses in downtown, the waterfront, Old North End, and the Enterprise Zone in the South End. CEDO uses a variety of tools in supporting redevelopment: the Brownfields program, Tax Increment Financing, Renewal Community tax credits, the Burlington Community Development Corporation, the Downtown Program, transportation funding, and other resources. Major redevelopment projects such as new housing, public facilities, offices, hotels, retail and industrial expansion are supported by CEDO through direct technical assistance, loans, grants, and the formation of strategic partnerships.

IV. Project Description:

a. Describe the specific activities to be carried out by your project with CDBG dollars and the accomplishments you plan to achieve.

Specific Service / Activity:	CDBG will pay for:	Unduplicated Total # of Households / Persons to be Served in this Service / Activity:	Unduplicated Total # of Burlington Households / Persons to be Served:	Outcome(s) to be Achieved:
a. Continue work on existing redevelopment projects	Staff time and contracted site assessments	25 households, approx. 50 persons in housing, est. 200 new dealer.com employees	25 households, approx. 50 persons in housing, est. 30 households with new dealer.com employee(s) from the City	Redevelopment at 151/157 South Champlain and Bannister; dealer.com expansion; 150 Shelburne St. transfer, Waterfront North mitigation complete, Moran mitigation underway, Urban Reserve planning underway
b. Public Outreach	Staff time	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	Projects presented at NPA's and hearings, web page updates, press releases, contact with residents

c. Identify and address issues on newly found sites	Staff time and contracted site assessments	TBD	TBD	Identify and screen new sites, commission new site assessments, pre-development activities
d. Facilitate shoreline restoration	Staff Time and leveraged resources	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	Obtain and leverage new resources for the restoration of the shoreline
e. Conduct review and investigation of Urban Reserve site conditions	Staff time, contracted assessments (leveraged through CCRPC)	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	Report and online summary of environmental history, conditions, past cleanup actions, and condition of soils and groundwater on Urban Reserve.

b. If you plan to pay for staff with CDBG funding, describe what they do in relation to the specific services / activities described above

Specific Service / Activity	Position/Title	Work Related to CDBG-Funded Activity	# of Hours per Week spent on this Specific Service / Activity	% of Hours per Week spent on this Specific Service / Activity to be paid with CDBG
Program Management	CEDO Special Projects Manager	All services related to program delivery	20	40%

V. Beneficiary Information

a. For each service / activity you identified in Section IV, please project how the Burlington residents will break out into the following income categories.

Service / Activity:	Unduplicated Total # of Burlington Households / Persons to be Served:	# Extremely Low-Income	# Low-Income	# Moderate-Income	# Above Moderate-Income
a. Work on existing Brownfield projects	25 households*, approx. 50 persons, and combined benefits for a, c, d, and e	*12 and combined benefits for a, c, d, and e	*2 and combined benefits for a, c, d, and e	*2 and combined benefits for a, c, d, and e	*2 and combined benefits for a, c, d, and e
b. Public Outreach	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit
c. Identify and address issues on newly found sites	TBD**	TBD**	TBD**	TBD**	TBD**
d. Facilitate shoreline restoration	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit
e. Conduct review and investigation of Urban Reserve site conditions	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit	City-wide benefit

*conservative estimates based on predicated sources of funding for renovation/development, incomes of existing tenants, hiring trends at dealer.com

** low-income benefits anticipated through targeting of resources to Old North End, Downtown, and King St. neighborhood

b. Please provide a single unduplicated total beneficiary count below:

Unduplicated Total # of Burlington Households / Persons to be Served:	# Extremely Low-Income	# Low-Income	# Moderate-Income	# Above Moderate-Income
25 households, 100 persons*	12*	6*	2*	2*

* estimate does NOT include the hundreds served on the waterfront, Moran Plant, and/or Urban Reserve

c. How will/do you document beneficiary income levels?

- Number of employees at redeveloped sites within areas defined by HUD as having jobs primarily held by “low/moderate income”;
- Actual income levels of residents in new housing units;
- City-wide income levels for persons using remediated park space.

VI. Problem Statement

a. What particular problem or need will this project address?

Burlington’s long commercial history has left contaminants that threaten human and environmental health and complicate redevelopment. Past manufacturing, energy production, transportation, rendering, boatbuilding, lumber processing, machine tooling, dry cleaning and other activities have created hazardous materials contamination in soils and groundwater, along with asbestos and lead in buildings, across the City. Primarily located in (or adjacent to) populated areas, brownfields disproportionately impact low and moderate income residents. Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation lists one hundred and seventy eight Burlington sites in its current Hazardous Sites List with eighty-six listed as “active”. Nine sites are listed as in the “Brownfields” Vermont DEC redevelopment queue, but in reality the scope of the City’s work is larger than DEC’s listing. Two hundred and forty Underground Storage Tank sites are listed by DEC, most of them removed from the ground, with many having released contaminants. Costs for redeveloping brownfields can be extremely high, leading to sites being abandoned, long delays, or in development proposals that do not meet the needs of the community. The Program has a continuing and profound responsibility to address these issues through direct grants and technical assistance, using the redevelopment of contaminated sites as a means for community improvement – while mitigating potential health and ecosystem hazards.

b. How was this need identified?

New brownfield properties across the City are found each year through releases of contamination reported to Vermont DEC, due diligence performed for real estate transactions, during excavation, and as a result of past studies and historical analysis. Properties in the downtown, Old North End, Pine Street, and waterfront areas are likely to have contamination issues. To complicate matters, arsenic (both naturally occurring and not), lead, and PAH’s (residues from combustion) can be found in soils across the City, often exceeding EPA risk guidelines. Contaminated sites can be impossible to redevelop without financial and logistical assistance: developers have difficulty obtaining financing or insurance without accurate scientific and technical data that establish costs and feasibility of cleanup. The Brownfields Program obtains and releases reliable, verifiable data into the public domain, demystifying the redevelopment process, and reducing hazards to the community.

c. Why is this a funding priority for Burlington?

Brownfields redevelopment continues to be one of the most successful strategies being undertaken by the City of Burlington, and contaminated sites tend to impact low and moderate income neighborhoods disproportionately. Most vacant commercial properties left in the City are suspected brownfields, and excavations performed in the Old North End, downtown, waterfront or Pine Street areas typically reveal contamination issues. Contamination is widespread in the soil and groundwater, and each year there are sites discovered that can have a profound impact on human and ecological health. Redevelopment is a proven means for expediting cleanups and provides a direct return on public investment in terms of new jobs, tax revenues, new housing, reclaimed green space, and ecosystem protection. Annual CDBG allocations for this program leverage significantly more EPA, Vermont DEC, HUD, and CCRPC funds, expanding the impact of CDBG dollars substantially.

VII. Program Goals: How will this project reduce the number of people living in poverty? Will it help people move out of poverty? Prevent people from entering poverty? Address basic needs of people living in poverty?

Brownfields redevelopment substantially reduces risks to human health and the environment, threats that are disproportionately borne by low income residents. The redevelopment of contaminated sites creates a profound positive economic and social impact on low and moderate income residents by revitalizing neighborhoods, creating new jobs, building affordable housing, expanding the tax base, and creating new green space. A less measurable but apparent impact is the evolution of a positive attitude towards properties in low-income neighborhoods that were once considered not developable.

a. Are you targeting any specific disadvantaged population/group of people? If so, who are they?

No, the benefits are available across the entire spectrum of residents; however, residents of affordable housing projects are the most notable beneficiaries.

VIII. Equal Opportunity/Accessibility:

a. How do you make sure your programs are accessible to all, inclusive and culturally appropriate?

The City has a long-standing equal opportunity personnel policy. The City has completed an equal opportunity workforce analysis, which it uses to shape ongoing hiring, retention and promotion efforts. The City continues to expand its recruitment and job posting sources to encourage continuing diversity in its workforce. CEDO advertises nationally for certain professional positions to increase the diversity of its recruitment pool. Many CEDO staff members have participated in diversity/racism trainings. CEDO staff will have a mandatory staff retreat scheduled for February 1, 2010 on cultural competency. CEDO includes an EO statement in our outreach materials. CEDO's offices are accessible. Program information is available in French, Vietnamese and Serbo-Croatian in hard copy and online (with a link to an online translation site for additional languages/information). CEDO will arrange for interpretation services with advance notice and indicates that on outreach materials.

b. Describe the diversity status of (i) your staff for this program and (ii) your Board. How does that compare with the diversity status of the clients of the program / project you're requesting funding for?

CEDO's current staff is around 10% non-white. Our gender balance skews towards female. We are diverse in religion, sexual orientation, gender identification, familial status, and socio-economic background as well as in other ways. We don't have a Board of Directors. The clients for the Brownfields program include residents city-wide, and reflect the overall demographic makeup of the City of Burlington.

c. Describe the diversity / cultural competency trainings that your staff and Board have participated in during the last year.

During the last year, individual CEDO staff members have participated in a cross-departmental Courageous Conversations About Race reading group, in divisional diversity readings and conversations, and in cultural competency trainings offered through the We All Belong program.

This year, CEDO has a Cultural Competency Team (with nine staff members) participating in the We All Belong program cultural competency trainings and peer group sessions. With a facilitator, all of CEDO will be participating in three retreat sessions this spring focused on internal organizational relationships and understanding how cultural competency relates to our work.

IX. Impact and Evaluation:

a. How do you define success? How do you measure it? How many of your beneficiaries achieve it?

The effectiveness of the Brownfields Program is evidenced by the number of redeveloped sites, as well as by the actual outcomes of the projects: new and renovated housing, commercial, and public space, and park areas – along with new/retained jobs and tax revenues. CEDO has submitted over 50 detailed quarterly reports to EPA since 1998 with the following reporting requirements:

- *assessment started;*
- *assessment completed;*
- *assessment completed with leveraged funding;*
- *clean-up activities completed;*
- *redevelopment (or pre-development) activities underway.*

The following (partial) list shows project examples and leveraged funding sources since program inception in 1998:

<u>Brownfield Site</u>	<u>Leveraged Funding Source</u>	<u>Status</u>
Metalworks **	Site Owner	complete: 7 jobs retained
Food Enterprise Ctr. ****	EPA	negotiating full transfer to IC
<u>Waterfront Apartments</u> *	EPA	complete: 24 new housing units
City Market **	City of Burlington	complete: new grocery store
<u>Vermont Transit Bus Barns</u> *	EPA, Site Owner	complete: mixed-use development
453/501 Pine Street **	Site Owner	possible dealer.com parking lot
Multigenerational Center ****	Non-Profit Developer	complete: senior center/daycare
Havey Property ***	City of Burlington	in use by dealer.com, option held by City
Specialty Filaments **	EPA and Private Developer	complete: dealer.com
Blodgett Oven **	Private Developer	status TBD
Public Works Building ***	City of Burlington	complete: DPW/Parks facility
131 Battery/Cornell Trading **	City of Burlington	pre-development
South End Transit Center **	EPA	pre-development/planning
Moran Plant Redevelopment ***	EPA, CCRPC, DEC	pre-development, site work in 2012

East Avenue Co-Housing ****	EPA	complete: Coop housing
Urban Reserve ***	EPA, donated services	TBD: Community Process
150 Shelburne Road **	Property Owner (tax sale?)	working to transfer to developer
Mill View Apartments **	Non-Profit Developer	complete: affordable housing
Former Barrett Trucking **	Private Developer	complete: self-storage facility
151 South Champlain ****	EPA, VT DEC	under contract to private party
157 South Champlain ****	EPA, CCRPC	under contract to private party
102 Archibald Street **	EPA, site owner	mitigation complete: TBD
660 Pine Street **	Private Developer	sold to investor: retail space
Vermont Railway ***	No assessment complete	status TBD, priority site
Marriott Hotel **	Private Developer	complete: hotel expanding
Gosse Court Armory *, ***	EPA, Air National Guard	complete: Miller Community Center
Burlington Harbor/Shoreline ***	City of Burlington, USACE	ongoing: open space/parks
Brown's Court ****	EPA, CCRPC	awaiting agreement w/Champ. Coll.
Airport Bldg. 890 **	EPA	complete: Heritage Flight
219 Elmwood Avenue ***	EPA	complete: Habitat for Humanity home
Howard Bank Block **	Private Developer	partially complete: CHT offices, housing
"Superblock" ***	EPA	feasibility: TBD
Architectural Salvage **	EPA, VT DEC	complete: mix of retail/restaurant
53/55 Main Street **	EPA	complete: mix of retail/restaurant
Skate Park (original) ***	EPA	complete: recreational amenity
Bannister Roofing (134 Archibald)	EPA	delayed due to market conditions
City Neighborhoods *	EPA*	renovations/retrofits underway
Wharf Lane	EPA	transfer complete, under renovation
Bobbin Mill	EPA	transfer complete, under renovation
453 Pine St.**	CDBG, State Econ. Dev.	Pre-purchase in negotiation

- * **EPA Region One "Success Stories"**
- ** direct technical assistance provided
- *** City of Burlington Project
- **** City in partnership with non-profit

Another measure is the recognition of the Program as a regional and national model for success:

- Burlington Brownfields Program:** "Showcase Community Finalist" (1999, 2002)
- Burlington Brownfields Program:** "Brownfields Mentor" to Wheeling, West Virginia (1999)
- Bus Barns/mixed use housing/commercial:** EPA Region One "Brownfields Success Story" (2003)
- Former Scrap yard/Waterfront Housing:** EPA Region One "Brownfields Success Story" (2005)
- Brownfields Coordinator:** Featured Panelist at the "Brownfields 2006" Conference Town Meeting Plenary
- Moran Plant Redevelopment:** "EPA Brownfields Sustainability Pilot" (2008)
- Gosse Court Armory/Miller Community Center:** EPA Region One "Brownfields Success Story" (2009)
- City Neighborhoods:** EPA Region One "Brownfields Success Story" (2010)
- Habitat for Humanity House:** *NEW* EPA Region One "Brownfields Success Story" (2011)

b. If this is an existing project:

1. What were your projected accomplishments for your most recent completed funding period or fiscal year?

Projections: 37 units transferred and renovated (Wharf Lane); four new housing units completed (Bannister); site acquisition at 151/157 South Champlain; dealer.com expansion; 150 Shelburne St. redevelopment, public presentations, web page updates, press releases, personal contact with concerned citizens, commissioning new site assessments, pre-development activities, complete removal of oil bollards and petroleum infrastructure; cleanup of north waterfront and Moran; upgrade of shoreline.

2. What were your actual accomplishments for that period? If you did not meet projections, please explain (i) why and (ii) how you will overcome that issue in the future.

Wharf Lane (and Bobbin Mill added to scope): transfers complete, saving 88 affordable housing units.
Bannister Roofing: advanced foundation design, got approval for mitigation, hired development consultant to craft estimates (i) project now on hold due to market conditions and high project estimates; (ii) Will work with owner on range of financing options and partnerships.
151/157 South Champlain: both sites under contract to private developers for new housing projects, using with data and technical assistance from the Program to complete due diligence.
Dealer.com expansion: created working group (see XIV. B.) to address complex site issues.

150 Shelburne St.: Testified at tax abatement hearing where owner failed to show zero property valuation, worked with owner to bring in purchaser and avoid tax sale (thus far rejected by owner), and on many legal/technical aspects of the site. *(i) current owner refuses to allow access to property, not paying taxes, refusing assistance; (ii) now working with City Attorney on potential tax sale or sale to private party.*

Presentations: outreach on specific sites in a variety of venues, many one-on-one contacts, web page updates, monthly departmental reports, EPA reports, media stories.

Web Page Updates: The Program provided updates for the City of Burlington Brownfields Program, Waterfront, and Moran web pages.

New assessments/pre-development: New sites included Bobbin Mill and 114 Bright Street (both affordable housing projects); additional assessments/work performed at 131 Battery St. (Cornell Building), Moran Plant, Waterfront North, Wharf Lane, City Neighborhoods, predevelopment/technical support on dealer.com and ICV building, Moran Plant, Waterfront North, and technical assistance for 150 Shelburne St.

Removal of Oil Bollards and Petroleum Infrastructure: Pre-removal survey completed, with technical reports/photos/lab sampling/field work completed by USACE-funded contractors. *(i) Removal budget now under threat due to budget debate and reallocation of USACE resources for natural disasters; (ii) Will continue to work with Senator Leahy's office and the USACE to secure funding for removals.*

Cleanup North Waterfront and Moran: A CCRPC-funded environmental contractor has been hired for soils management (up to \$100k in services approved) for Waterfront North project. Have "placeholder" for \$30,000 in services by CCRPC contractors to conduct environmental investigation related to Urban Reserve planning process. Significant work completed on Moran and Water Dept. area preparing to mitigate old petroleum tanks/loading areas and remnants of power generation and past lumber/manufacturing activities. Negotiated to get Burlington Electric and Green Mountain Power to remove and mitigate the remains of a transformer yard. De-watered Moran after spring flooding, investigated relic tank site near water department, and received Vermont DEC approval for Corrective Action Plan for Waterfront North and Moran projects.

Upgrade of Shoreline: Plans were deferred to use oil bollard removal project as means to generate lease fees (for project staging) and to use that income to conduct repairs of badly damaged areas of the shoreline. *(i) Entire waterfront impacted by spring 2011 floods, applied for Ecosystem Restoration Grant to repair breeches impacting wetland, was unsuccessful; (ii) Will continue to seek local, state and federal resources for the upgrade of the shoreline.*

X. Community Participation & Partners

a. How are the community and/or program participants involved in decision-making and in identifying the program need, design and/or evaluation?

Brownfields redevelopment is articulated in local and regional plans that were developed with robust public input including: Common Ground, Champlain Connections, Champlain Initiative Action Plan, Burlington Consolidated Plan, Chittenden County Regional Plan, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and Legacy Project Plans. Site-specific public involvement is a critical component for brownfields redevelopment: community meetings, permit hearings, special events, and press announcements are typical. The City's Zoning Ordinance also requires submittal of environmental data for every permit submitted, thus providing enhanced opportunities for informed participation.

b. Who do you mainly work with (i.e., what partners) to get the outcomes you want for your clients?

Partners include (partial list): Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Champlain Housing Trust, Burlington Community Development Corporation, GBIC, Housing Vermont, Burlington Housing Authority, V/T Commercial, Encore Redevelopment, University of Vermont, Redstone Development, Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center, Vermont Department of Development and Community Affairs, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers, Burlington Public Works/Parks, Burlington International Airport, Offices of Senators Leahy and Sanders. The Program also utilizes a competitive contracting process, with at least eighteen consulting firms (excluding subcontractors) engaged since the inception of the City's Brownfield Program in 1998.

XI. Sustainability

a. How will this project have a long-term benefit to the City of Burlington?

The redevelopment of brownfields in Burlington reduces threats to human health and the environment; creates new jobs, housing units, and park space; improves neighborhoods, and enhances the tax base. Each successful project increases the visibility of the movement to reclaim polluted land, which in turn increases investor confidence and helps build political and community support for projects and for accessing new resources.

b. If the project ends, will that benefit continue?

The physical, social, and public health changes created by redeveloping contaminated sites are permanent, the positive impacts are numerous, significant, and lasting.

c. If CDBG funding ends, will the project be sustainable (i.e., able to continue)?

The Brownfields Program aggressively seeks new resources, including EPA, HUD, CCRPC, US Army Corps of Engineers, State of Vermont DEC and Economic Development, and philanthropic sources. It has bartered direct services, leveraged lease fees, obtained funds from legal settlements and special purpose grants to promote redevelopment. If not for the injection of CDBG resources, it is unlikely that these leveraging activities would occur.

XII. Consistency

a. What Consolidated Plan objective does this project support?

The Brownfields Program addresses the City's three overall priorities in the 2008 Consolidated Plan: Affordable Housing Development, Economic Opportunity and a Suitable Living Environment. Notably, the redevelopment of brownfields is cited in the Consolidated Plan as *"a priority for the city because it meets multiple objectives: it increases the tax base, reduces environmental hazards and, often, allows for the productive reuse of historic structures."* The Brownfields Program also supports the Neighborhood Development, Environmental Quality, and Waterfront Strategies in the 2008 Consolidated Plan. Brownfields redevelopment is also a specific Consolidated Plan strategy: *"Strategy: Redevelop brownfields into productive use Objective SL-3.3: Redevelop 61.2 acres of contaminated sites into 4 new/renovated public facilities, 61 new units of affordable housing and 8 new/renovated commercial spaces over the next five years. Activities: Site identification, assessment, mitigation plans and redevelopment assistance"*.

b. What other City plans, if any, does this project support or complement?

The Interim Management Plan for the Urban Reserve tasks CEDO with environmental mitigation of the waterfront, and brownfields redevelopment is a priority in the Waterfront Plan. In the Legacy Action Plan, *"Economy: Creating a Vibrant Urban Center: Priority Action #2: Redevelop vacant former industrial areas known as "brownfields" to absorb significant commercial and/or mixed-use growth."* The City's 2011 Municipal Development Plan cites Brownfields redevelopment as a priority in two different categories citing CEDO as the party responsible for implementation. In Economic Development: *"Burlington's industrial past has left the city with ... a host of older industrial sites with some degree of environmental contamination...these sites represent locations for new development (and) markets for locating new environmental service/waste remediation businesses..."* And, in Land Use: *"The City has made the cleanup and redevelopment of Brownfields a high priority to improve the environment, increase the tax base, create and retain jobs, and curb sprawl."* The recent "PlanBTV" process has identified in great detail development patterns and recommendations which were in turn cited in the recent EPA Brownfields grant proposal as a means to target and prioritize brownfields redevelopment resources.

XIII. Readiness to Proceed

- a. Is the project ready to begin July 1, 2012 and be completed by June 30, 2013? Yes**
- b. If not, what are the expected start and completion dates? N/A**
- c. Are there any other conditions that may affect your ability to begin or complete this project? No**

XIV. Financial Narrative

a. Why should CDBG resources, as opposed to other sources of funding, be used for this project?

The Brownfields Program is in full alignment with CDBG priorities including remediating contaminated lands, creating new housing units, retaining and expanding business through the renovation and creation of commercial space, retaining and creating jobs, renovating and creating public facilities, and increasing the tax base. This work results in profound and lasting impacts on the lives of low and moderate income residents. Importantly, EPA Brownfields dollars are inadequate for personnel and administrative costs: CDBG funding is an essential tool to carry out the complex tasks involved with the successful implementation of this work.

b. Describe your use of community resources.

The Program leverages pro bono services and technical support from community and business leaders, non-profits, environmental consultants, state and federal agencies, legal professionals, lenders, commercial brokers, investors, developers, and those with a vested interest. Since 1997, over \$9 million in public and private assessment,

cleanup, and construction funds have been leveraged through CDBG and EPA investments and on Brownfield sites that have benefited from the technical assistance of Program staff. This year, the Burlington Brownfields Program:

- applied for a new EPA Community-Wide Assessment grant (award announcements are due in early 2012) that includes affordable housing as a primary goal for brownfields redevelopment (EPA grants pay for assessment activities, but only provides \$30,000 for personnel and administration for the three-year grant);
- received a new Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission commitment for \$100,000 in services for soils management during Waterfront North construction in 2012;
- accessed Vermont State Petroleum Fund monies for over \$20,000 of work for assessment and cleanup of areas near the Water Department and Waterfront Park;
- formed and led a working group including Vermont DEC, Greater Burlington Industrial Development Corp., and Vermont Development and Community Affairs to resolve complex issues with a brownfields site on Pine Street that would be an expansion area for dealer.com;
- negotiated for a potential \$30,000 in consulting services from CCRPC's EPA Brownfields Program to support Urban Reserve mitigation and re-use planning;
- continued to access US Army Corps services to advance the investigation of oil bollards and petroleum infrastructure in the harbor in preparation for their removal, and to conduct shoreline flooding restoration.

c. Has your organization had any significant changes in funding levels over the last year? If so, please describe.

There has been a steady decline in award amounts from our Federal and State funders. Declining revenue will seriously impact our ability to provide services.

d. What percent of Agency funds are used for administration vs. program costs?

The percentage of agency funds used for general administration is 7.49%. Of this request, 100% of funds will be spent on direct program costs.

a. Budget

a. Summary

	Project		Agency	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
CDBG	\$28,042	\$47,000	\$812,155	\$628,388
State			711,601	629,101
Federal (EPA Brownfields)	43,000	65,750	2,668,559	2,092,593
Program Income			64,000	57,000
Other			990,852	934,900
Total	\$71,042	\$112,750	\$5,247,167	\$4,341,982

b. Proposed Project Budget Sources:

CDBG	\$47,000
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant	\$65,750*
TOTAL	\$112,750

* \$200,000 application was submitted to USEPA for 3-year project period starting 10/1/12

c. Proposed Budget Uses:

Line Item	CDBG	Other	Total
Personnel	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$45,000
Consulting services	\$10,000	\$55,000	\$65,000
Training/travel/conferences	\$2,000	\$750	\$2,750
TOTAL	\$47,000	\$65,750	\$112,750