BACKGROUND

- Recent History of ARC – Assessment, RLF & Cleanup
- FY2018
  - Funding Level
  - Timing
  - Allocation
- Trends
- BUILD Act

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* RLF not offered
* "Award" and "Apply" refer to number of communities, not grants
WITERS OF THE BEST ARC…

✓ Have a VISION
  ✓ Like a General Plan, or Specific Plan
  ✓ Overall goals spelled out
✓ Consistent with any Regional Plan
✓ Sustainability goals
✓ Brownfields Project/Program is part of Vision

WITERS OF THE BEST ARC…

✓ Program/Project Goals or Outcomes
  ✓ Private Investment, jobs, community benefits, affordable housing
  ✓ Reduce Uncertainty
  ✓ “Needs” to get from present to the Vision
  ✓ Divided by Tasks
✓ Have a lead for every task
✓ Champion(s) of Vision, program and tasks
**Writers of the Best ARC…**

- Attainable Outputs
- Clearly identify the need and how resources will be used to meet the need
- Relate “data” to “needs” Utilize census data and other reports to support the community need
  - Pull from American Community Survey for statistical information
- Upfront work if possible
  - Acquire Infrastructure Planning Funding
  - Leverage State 128(a) and TBA funding to pay for planning

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**Partnerships**

- Relevant roles for all partners and stakeholders
- Other state agencies
  - State Agency for Environment and Health (DOH-HEER)
  - Community Development agencies (HCDC, County, DBEDT)
  - Industrial Development board/the development corporation
  - Leverage Infrastructure and Other Funding
- Neighborhood and Cultural organizations
- Business organizations
- Churches
- Nonprofits
LEVERAGING

- EPA has noted that on average for every $1 spent on brownfield grants yields $18 of private investment and other government investment.
- Identify all possible sources of local, public and private funds, and in-kind assistance that contribute toward a program or project
- Learn how to calculate returns

WRITERS OF THE BEST ARC...

- Start ~3-6 months to pinpoint resources and partners
- Review previous successful applications – TABEZ
- Obtain debrief or CCLR review
- Identify needs, roles responsibilities
  - Internal: Redevelopment, Engineering, Purchasing, Community Development and Law Departments
  - Consultants? Editors? Reviewers?
- Participate in EPA and CCLR webinars
- Familiarize themselves with threshold requirements
- Ready to submit one week before the deadline
Writers of the Best ARC…

✓ Addresses all of the criteria in the guidelines.
✓ Tells compelling - sad yet convincing - story about their community.
✓ Keeps their story clear and consistent.
✓ Describe the needs of the targeted community and the positive outcomes that will be realized with the grant funding.

Writers of the Best ARC…

✓ Identify the sensitive populations in the targeted community
  ✓ children, pregnant women, elderly, minority or low-income communities, etc.
✓ Include Health Department stats and make a connection to brownfields impacts
  ✓ cancer rates, obesity, blood lead levels, asthma, substandard housing, limited access to health care
✓ Emphasize the social impacts
  ✓ blight, crime, vandalism, illegal dumping, people moving out, lack of neighborhood upkeep, lack of prosperity
WRITERS OF THE BEST ARC…

- Describe in the economic decline and relate it to the brownfield sites
- Provide specific examples if possible – e.g., closure of a mill or manufacturer
- Provide quantitative information
  - lost jobs and business opportunities, deterioration of active properties, vacancies, relocations, low income, lack of investment, and reduced property/sales tax base.

WRITERS OF THE BEST ASSESSMENTS…

- Have already identified specific site(s)/area(s) in need of assessment
- Have relevant participation and commitments from stakeholders
- Have property owners that are on-board
- Have identified significant redevelopment/revitalization potential
**WRITERS OF THE BEST CLEANUPS…**

- Own the property way before the deadline (and are not a Responsible Party)
- Have a Phase II that fully characterizes the site, an Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) and complete cost estimates
- Have commitments for leveraged funds for cleanup and redevelopment
- Have established Redevelopment Plan(s)

**WRITING AND FORMATTING TIPS**

- Use active, upbeat tone
- Short, direct sentences, and if possible, organized into bullet points
- Newspaper style – don’t back into an argument
- Be direct – don’t make the reader guess
- Minimize/explain acronyms and vernacular
- Don’t use *weasel words/phrases*: etc., is considering, may be, intends to – just do it!
- Use Tables, with light shading and/or different font
- Use visual variety – *italics*, *underline*, **bold**