









2026 Comparison of Competitive State, Regional and County Brownfield Financial Resources

	 DEED	 Metropolitan Council	 Hennepin County	 Ramsey County
Application Deadlines ¹	May 1 / Nov 1	April 15 / Oct 15	May 1 / Nov 1	May 1 / Nov 1
Estimated Funding Available Per Cycle	~\$4M	~\$3M ²	~\$1M – 1.5M	~\$600,000
Matching Funds Required	25% ³	None	None	None
Eligible Applicants ⁴	Public	Public	Public / Private	Public / Private
Limits by Eligible Use of Funds Environmental Site Assessment/ Investigation	Up to \$50k per project	\$250k per city	TBD per request	Up to \$25k per project
Contamination Cleanup ⁵	None	50% of funds available per city	None	None
Geographic Distribution Targets	35% Greater MN or more	25% Suburban or more	None	50% Suburban or more
Grant Selection Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property tax growth • Job growth • Highly contaminated sites • Ready to begin construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing • Property tax growth • Highly contaminated sites in EJ areas • Strong community engagement • Equitable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly contaminated sites • Ready to begin construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly contaminated sites in EJ areas • Ready to begin construction • Affordable Housing • Job growth • Property tax growth
Other Beneficial Public Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small business startup support & growth • Improving transit options & access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing • Sustainability • Job growth • Tax growth 	
Need site control?	No	Investigation – no Cleanup – yes	No	Yes
Other Important Pre-Requisites	Cleanup Plan Approval Appraisal or equivalent City Resolution of Support	Cleanup Plan Approval City Resolution/Letter of Support	Cleanup Plan Approval City Resolution of Support	Cleanup Plan Approval City Resolution of Support

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For more information	Contamination Cleanup & Investigation Grants	Livable Communities Grants - Development	Site Cleanup and Assessment Funds	Environmental Response Fund
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Notes:

- ¹ The cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul require a city pre-application
- ² Additional competitive funding is available for non-brownfield activities up to \$500k for pre-development and \$2M for development costs per project.
- ³ Up to 13% of the required matching funds for DEED grants may come from other public sources.
- ⁴ Private for-profit or non-profit entities applying to DEED or the Metropolitan Council must partner with a city or public development entity.

Exceptions:

- ⁵ Abatement-related costs are not eligible for DEED Investigation and Cleanup Costs unless included in a building demolition required by a cleanup plan and are limited to residential sites for Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund.