

Program Element: 06 Brownfields and Public Health: Building Capacity in Local Public Health Authorities (LPHA)

1. **Description.** Funds provided under the Financial Assistance Agreement for this Program Element may only be used, in accordance with and subject to the requirements and limitations set forth below, to build capacity to integrate public health considerations into Brownfield and Land Reuse planning, projects, and evaluations within LPHA service areas. Brownfield sites are inactive, underused or abandoned properties with perceived or known environmental contamination.

2. **Local Activities in Support of Building Public Health Capacity in Brownfield Planning and Projects.** To comply with performance standards of this program, LPHAs must engage in activities as described in subsections 2.a. through 2.e. below. The purpose of these activities is to integrate health considerations into brownfields planning and identify and carry out public health actions that: engage local residents, foster collaborations among diverse stakeholders, provide health-based education and recommendations, and promote the health benefits of redevelopment. NOTE: LPHA must complete the planned activities in its Local Program Plan before September 29, 2015 to retain eligibility to receive funding under this Program Element if future funding is made available.
 - a. **Engaging local residents.** Engage residents, vulnerable populations, local leaders and community-serving organizations to identify health and equity concerns related to a brownfield planning process or brownfield project.

 - b. **Fostering collaborations among diverse stakeholders.** Collaborate, convene, and facilitate partnerships with traditional brownfield stakeholders (examples include: city officials, developers, planners, environmental agencies, local businesses, or any other stakeholders in the redevelopment area) to plan for strategies that provide health benefits to the community. As much as possible, this group should include those that have decision making influence over the brownfield project, or who have the ability to help get public health recommendations considered in the planning process.

 - c. **Providing health-based education and recommendations to residents, partners and decision-makers.** Use input from residents and stakeholders as well as existing health data to develop recommendations that address public health concerns and maximize the health benefits that result from redevelopment. Examples of appropriate formats include but are not limited to: web content, formal written report or memo; a letter to the decision making body; a fact sheet; or presentations.

 - d. **Preparing a final written report to OHA.** LPHAs will provide a written final report to OHA that includes a project description, activities conducted, and outcomes. This written report should contain lessons learned, strategies for tracking health benefits related to the redevelopment, and identified challenges and success stories within the context of LPHA involvement in brownfield redevelopment efforts. It should also outline contacts and collaborations, issues or concerns and recommendations to improve future funding opportunities from OHA.

3. **Procedural and Operational Requirements.** By accepting and using the financial assistance funding provided by OHA under the Financial Assistance Agreement and this Program Element, LPHA agrees to conduct brownfield-related activities in accordance with the following requirements:
 - a. LPHA will conduct project activities as described in this Program Element.
 - b. LPHA will assure that its local program is staffed at the appropriate level to address subsections 2.a. through 2.e. of this Program Element. Funds for this program element must be directed to personnel and other expenses in support of subsections 2.a. through 2.e.
 - c. LPHA will provide documentation of activities and outcomes as outlined in Section 2e.
 - d. LPHA will participate in monthly calls (approximately five, 45 minute calls) and online trainings that meet LPHA needs as they carryout brownfield-related project activities.

4. **Reporting Requirements.** LPHA must submit the result of the brownfield-related project to OHA and post information about the project on the LPHA's website by September 29, 2015. LPHA is not required to complete the Public Health Revenue and Expenditure form located in Exhibit E of the Agreement for activity funding pursuant to this Program Element.