

Invitation to Participate in the Municipality of Anchorage Site Reuse and Revitalization Program Community-Wide Kick-Off Meeting

The Municipality of Anchorage is currently preparing an application for up to \$300,000 in brownfield grant funding for the reuse and revitalization of properties throughout the Anchorage bowl. The grant application will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in December 2016 and funding will be awarded during the spring of 2017. The Municipality is soliciting community-based organizations and the general public for support and involvement in the grant application process and the development of a sustainable site revitalization program.

A revitalization opportunity site is defined broadly by the U.S. EPA as "abandoned, idled or under-used property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant." The U.S. EPA grants support five general types of activities – all of which are relevant to the Coalition's priority revitalization initiatives:

- Conducting a community-wide inventory of potential sites;
- Identifying priority opportunity sites and conducting assessment activities;
- Conducting cleanup and reuse planning;
- Community outreach; and
- Planning for revitalization of priority areas or corridors.

Additional sources of State or Federal funding will be sought for cleanup work. The goal of the U.S. EPA program is to turn underutilized sites from community blight to community benefit, restoring them to safe, viable properties that contribute to the economic wellbeing of the community.

A public meeting will be held at **5:30PM on Wednesday, December 7th at Anchorage Senior Activity Center, Starlight Ballroom, Room 101B (1300 E. 19th Avenue)** to provide basic information on the site reuse and revitalization program, explain the grant application process, solicit community support and initiate a discussion of priority reuse and revitalization opportunities in the City and specific neighborhoods. Typical properties that are eligible for use of this funding include (but are not limited to):

- Former gas stations
- Former dry cleaners
- Former automotive repair shops
- Old dumps or landfills
- Old salvage yards
- Any type of buildings with asbestos and/or lead-based paint
- Methamphetamine labs
- Former industrial sites
- Old manufacturing plants
- Old foundry companies
- Former paper products manufacturing
- Former battery manufacturing or recycling facilities

We look forward to your participation!

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