

# Brownfield Funding Opportunities

## Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

The EPA defines a brownfield as "real 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 State of Michigan further defines brownfield sites as blighted, functionally obsolete or historic structures.



In October of 2021, the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (KCBRA) will receive \$300,000 in EPA Assessment Grant funding. The EPA grant will allow the KCBRA to identify and investigate brownfield properties, and conduct environmental site assessments at sites countywide with a focus on the Northside neighborhood in the City of Kalamazoo.

Most development or re-development projects require environmental due diligence to be conducted prior to acquisition. These funds can be used to meet those requirements satisfying lenders, MSHDA, SBA, Due Care Obligations and other development partners. Additionally, the grants can be used to develop Brownfield Plans, which can help offset environmental and non-environmental costs associated with redeveloping or rehabilitating buildings and properties. The KCBRA has been at the forefront of redeveloping Kalamazoo County's brownfield sites for over ten years. It is uniquely positioned to assist developers with their environmental and brownfield needs in a comprehensive and timely fashion, i.e. "speed of business."

### Grant funds can be used for eligible activities including:

- Phase I & II Environmental Site Assessments
- Baseline Environmental Site Assessments
- Documentation of Due Care Compliance
- Brownfield Plans & Act 381 Work Plans
- Lead and Asbestos Surveys

### Other funding tools may be available for the following activities:

- Demolition, Lead & Asbestos Abatement
- Clean-up Activities
- Site Preparation and Infrastructure Improvements in the Cities of Kalamazoo and Portage (MEDC Core Communities).

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