

# 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 May of 2016, the EPA awarded the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (KCBRA) \$400,000 in funding. The EPA grants will allow the KCBRA to conduct environmental site assessments at sites throughout the County that have known or perceived contamination related to hazardous substances or petroleum.

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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