

**OFFICE OF BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OBRD)  
CT DEPT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD)  
MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM – ROUND 23RG  
REMEDICATION & LIMITED ASSESSMENT GRANTS  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

*January 23, 2026*

**Please make note to check the FAQ Addendum that will be posted on Fri, February 27, 2026.**

**New questions since Round 22 are highlighted in blue.**

- 1. What is the maximum amount that an eligible entity can apply for this round of the Municipal Grant Program?**
  - The maximum amount that you can apply for in this round is **\$6,000,000** (the allowable maximum request in previous rounds was \$4,000,000).
- 2. Is there a minimum amount that one can apply for?**
  - Yes, DECD will not entertain Remediation grant application requests below \$200,000.
- 3. Can I apply for an Assessment-only grant in this round?**
  - Yes, we are offering assessment-only grants under this round. Please look for the separate package under this offering on the [Municipal Grant Program Page](#).
- 4. What does “limited assessment” mean for the remediation and limited assessment grant program?**
  - The limited assessment & remediation grant funds are intended to be utilized for shovel-ready projects where the investigation/assessment work is nearly completed & the current site conditions are well understood. “Limited assessment” generally refers to minor activities that may be required to refine the remedial plans and design based on proposed redevelopment and end use. DECD recommends that if no previous assessment/investigation data has been collected to date, that the applicant considers applying for an assessment-only grant to better understand the current site conditions.
- 5. Is there a limit to the number of applications that a particular entity can submit?**
  - No, there is no limit to the number of applications that an eligible entity can submit. An applicant may submit multiple applications for different projects/sites within the same municipality or multiple municipalities. The applicant should however be able to demonstrate that all work can be handled and completed in a timely manner. Applicants can also apply for multiple programs under the separate Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcements in this round.
- 6. I intend to submit multiple applications for multiple projects/sites. Do I need to submit separate application forms?**

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- Yes, please plan on submitting separate application forms for each distinct project, site or funding request. Also, request for separate SharePoint folders for each distinct project application under any of our programs.
- 7. In preparation for this round, I already filled out the application forms that were available on the Website from a previous round. Can I submit an application based on a previous application form?**
- The OBRD updates its application forms from time to time. Please make sure that you use the latest Application Form for each announcement. Applications submitted using outdated application forms will not be accepted.
- 8. What does the Part A: Threshold Eligibility Section of the Application Form cover?**
- The below threshold items are covered under Part A of the Application Form. An Applicant or Application may be denied funding after review of Part A of the Application Form.
    - Proof that the site is a brownfield as per [C.G. S. Sec. 32-760](#).
    - Proof that the Applicant and potential development partners have no direct or related liability for the conditions of the brownfield.
    - Proof that Applicant has access or will have access to the property, site control or path to site control.
    - Proof that the potential development partner is registered to do business in the State of CT and is in good standing – no pending lawsuits, liens filed or tax arrears.
    - If the redevelopment project has a housing component, proof that it will comply with DECD's Affordable Housing policy (see NOFA).
- 9. My private partner entity has a Certificate of Legal Existence from the Office of the Secretary. In the last round, we were required to also obtain a Letter of Good Standing as well from the Department of Revenue Services (DRS). Is it no longer required to obtain the DRS Letter of Good Standing?**
- Due to the time taken to obtain the Letter of Good Standing from the Department of Revenue Services, DECD **will not** be requiring it during the Application stage. The DRS Letter of Good Standing will be required to be provided during the DECD Assistance Agreement phase.
- 10. My private partner is registered to do business in another state but is not in CT? Do I still need to provide the Certificate of Legal Existence? Do I as a municipality need to provide the certificate?**
- Yes, all private entities (including for profit and non-profit entities) who are part of the application will need to be [registered to do business in CT](#) (Certificate of Legal Existence from the Secretary of the State). If you are a municipality, you are not required to submit a Certificate of Legal Existence.
- 11. Where do I access the forms and how can I submit my application?**
- Applicants are required to fill out the Grant Round 23RG Application available on the [Grant Program](#) webpage. The Application has two separate sections – Part A: Threshold Eligibility Section and Part B: Project Details.

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- Applications may be denied funding after DECD’s review of Part A of the Application Form.

**To submit:** All application submittals (along with attachments) shall either be:

- Uploaded to a DECD SharePoint folder [**PREFERRED METHOD**]
  - a. Applicants must request a SharePoint link by emailing [brownfields@ct.gov](mailto:brownfields@ct.gov)
  - b. Include Applicant & Project Name and Program Code (23RG) in subject line.
  - c. Please make folder request by **Monday, March 23, 2026**

**OR**

- Emailed to [brownfields@ct.gov](mailto:brownfields@ct.gov)
  - a. Include Applicant & Project Name and Program Code (23RG) in subject line.

**12. Who are the eligible entities who can apply for the program?**

- A Municipality as defined by [C.G.S Section 32-760 \(12\)](#); Economic Development Agency, as defined by [C.G.S Section 32-760 \(6\)](#); and Connecticut Brownfield Land Banks, as defined by [C.G.S Section 32-760 \(22\)](#). Entities responsible for the contamination are ineligible. Economic Development Agencies should provide articles of incorporation to prove eligibility. All applicants must provide proof of access to the site, site control or path to site control. It may be noted that DECD is encouraging eligible entities to partner with private entities/developers to submit the applications. Remediation-redevelopment partnerships can help arrive at cost-effective remediation solutions.

**13. Are councils of government eligible entities to apply for the Municipal Grant Program?**

- Yes, regional councils of government are eligible entities that can apply for the Municipal Grant Program. C.G.S. Section 32-763 lists economic development agencies as eligible entities to apply for the Municipal Grant Program. The definition of economic development agencies in C.G.S. Sec 32-760 (6) includes “... (D) an agency, as defined in section 32-327. C.G.S Sec. 32-327 defines “Agency” as “... any regional council of governments organized under sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, ...”

**14. Can a municipality (or other eligible entity) apply for a remediation grant under the program for a privately-owned property?**

- A municipality can apply for a remediation grant for a privately-owned brownfield property as part of a public-private partnership. If the Municipality (or municipal entity) will not be holding the remediation/construction contract, then the DECD agreement will be structured as a pass-through grant from the municipality to the private entity. The private entity will have to satisfy all the terms and conditions of the DECD Assistance Agreement. The private entity will need to provide a Completion Guarantee, or a mortgage lien on the remediated property so that the Applicant/State can recoup the expenses in case the redevelopment project cannot be completed. If the Municipality (or municipal entity) is planning to hold the remediation/construction contract, then an access agreement will have to be entered into with the owner or private partner. A three-way agreement will still need to be in place to ensure completion of the redevelopment project or recoupment of the increased value of the property. At a minimum, a letter of intent

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from the private property owner that an access agreement will be entered into with the applicant once the grant award is made, should be included as part of the application.

**15. Are Municipal-owned brownfields eligible for the program or is it only limited to privately-owned properties?**

- Municipal-owned brownfield properties as well as privately-owned properties are eligible for the Municipal Grant Program. See above Question/Response with regards to privately-owned properties.

**16. Are Municipalities expected to provide any collateral for grant funded projects on municipal-owned properties?**

- All funding recipients (including municipalities) will be required to provide collateral to guarantee the successful completion of the redevelopment project. Grant applicants have an option of either providing a mortgage lien on the property OR a limited corporate or personal guaranty. The mortgage or guarantee will be released on completion of the redevelopment project.

**17. The proposed redevelopment project includes housing. The municipality has met the CT State Statute Section 8-30g goal of 10% “affordable” housing. The percentage is higher if naturally occurring housing is counted. There is need for market rate housing in the community. Does the proposed project need to comply with DECD’s Affordable Housing Policy?**

- Yes, all projects applying to this funding opportunity are required to comply with the DECD’s Affordable Housing Policy, if 10 or more units are proposed.

If the project involves a net addition of 10 or more residential dwelling units for rent, a portion of those units must be deed-restricted for 30 years to be offered at below-market rent. If the project involves a net addition of 10 or more residential dwelling units for sale, some of those units must be deed-restricted in perpetuity to be offered for sale at below-market price. Applicants may choose whether to provide 10% of units affordable to households making 50% of the area median income (AMI), or 20% of units affordable to households making 80% of AMI. Affordable unit rent may not exceed 30% of the criteria AMI, and affordable unit sale price may not exceed an amount that would lead to expected monthly housing costs exceeding 30% of the criteria AMI. Expected monthly housing costs are the expected sum of monthly property taxes, 30-year mortgage payment assuming 3% down payment and prevailing interest rates, and any common charges.

Units must be on-site, the unit sizes and finishes must be comparable to market-rate units, the unit bedroom counts for affordable units must be in the same proportion as market-rate units, and the affordable units must be distributed evenly throughout the market-rate units. If construction is phased, affordable units must be constructed as proportionally as is feasible in each phase. Affordable units must use the same building access as market-rate units and have comparable access to building amenities.

The DECD Commissioner may approve projects not in compliance with the above policy following a written request with detailed justification from applicant.

**18. One of the private partners and the owner of the property is the Certifying Party as per the Transfer Act. Will the application be automatically denied at the pre-application stage?**

- C.G.S. Sec. 32-763 requires the DECD Commissioner to consider several criteria while reviewing applications and making funding decisions including the relationship of the applicant to the person or entity that caused the contamination. Involvement of the Certifying Party in the application to the DECD will not be an automatic disqualifier if there is proof that the Certifying Party is not actually the person or entity that caused the contamination but rather assumed the responsibility for the contamination via the requirements of the Transfer Act. The burden of proof, however, lies on the Applicant to provide to the DECD that the entity has not caused the contamination or has not willfully continued with operations that caused additional contamination after taking up ownership of the property. The DECD Commissioner reserves the right to approve or deny an application on a case-by-case basis.

**19. What criteria will DECD be using to score and award funds?**

- Please see the NOFA for details on the criteria that DECD will be using to score and award the funds. But more generally, DECD will be assessing the shovel readiness of a project, the project merits, the economic and community development impact, assembly of funds required for the project, private leverage of DECD funds and applicant experience. The Application Forms, we believe, is mostly straightforward and self-explanatory. The key to a good application is providing clear responses to the questions asked or providing the information/documents that have been requested. Please be certain that all response fields are completed. If any application response fields are not filled in, DECD may deem the application incomplete.

**20. What are the criteria that need to be satisfied to be termed as a Brownfield, so the project is eligible to be funded under the Program?**

- C.G.S. Sec 32-760 defines Brownfield as “any abandoned or underutilized site where redevelopment, reuse or expansion has not occurred due to the presence or potential presence of pollution in the buildings, soil or groundwater that requires investigation or remediation before or in conjunction with the redevelopment, reuse or expansion of the property.” DECD will be making sure that the proposed project meets the statutory definition of a brownfield. Projects proposed on sites that do not meet the statutory definition of a brownfield will not be considered for funding. **Some aspects that DECD will consider in determining whether a site meets the statutory definition of a brownfield include but are not limited to whether the property is abandoned or underutilized and whether the presence or potential presence of pollution is the primary obstacle preventing the site from being redeveloped, reused, or expanded, given the condition of the site.** Entities responsible for the contamination on a site are ineligible to apply for a brownfield project on that site.
- Some hypothetical examples are below. These examples are intended to generally illustrate how DECD will determine whether a site meets the statutory definition of a brownfield. These examples are not intended to illustrate every situation that may occur as each site has particular set of facts and circumstances that are unique to that site. DECD will determine whether a particular site is a brownfield and whether a particular project proposed for that site will be funded based on the facts and circumstances that apply to that particular site.

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- E.g. 1: The site is a residential complex built in the 1950s. The Phase I indicates that the site has not been used for any other purposes. There are plans to rehabilitate and repair the residential units to bring it up to code. But in the course of performing the repairs it is realized that there were hazardous building materials used in the original construction. Can this project be considered as Brownfield?

No, this will not be a Brownfield under the state's definition because this is an existing complex that is being rehabilitated to bring up to code. The site is also not being redeveloped, reused or expanded.

- E.g. 2: The site is a residential complex built in the 1950s. The Phase I indicates that the site has not been used for any other purposes. The condition of the structures is significantly deteriorated. It has been decided to demolish and rebuild and minimally expand the residential complex since it has passed its useful life. Due to the age of the structures, there is some abatement work that will be required and potentially some soil remediation due to secondary contamination during abatement and demolition work. Can this project be considered as Brownfield?

No, this will not be considered a Brownfield under the state's definition since the main reason for abatement/demolition is not the potential contamination but the deteriorated condition of the structures.

- E.g. 3: The site is a residential complex built in the 1950s. The Phase I indicates that the site may have been used for other potentially contaminating uses prior to it being developed as a residential complex. The condition of the structures is significantly deteriorated. It has been decided to demolish and rebuild and minimally expand the residential complex since it has passed its useful life. Due to the age of the structures and past uses, there is potential remediation and abatement work. Can this project be considered as Brownfield?

Yes, this site will be considered a Brownfield under the state's definition because in comparison to E.g. 2, there are potential remediation issues on the property along with abatement of the structures.

- E.g. 4: The site is a residential complex built in the 1950s. The Phase I indicates that the site has not been used for any other purposes. The condition of the structures is significantly deteriorated. It has been decided that the property will substantially be redeveloped (potentially to a new use). Due to the presence of contaminants and the age of the structures, there is abatement work that is required prior it to being redeveloped but the extent of the work is hampering redevelopment plans. Can this project be considered a Brownfield?

This site may be considered a Brownfield under the state's definition because in comparison to E.g. 2, the presence of pollution appears to be the primary factor preventing redevelopment of the significantly underutilized site to its highest and best end use permitted

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by zoning and market demands. Additional project information may be needed to make a determination.

- E.g. 5: The site is a former agricultural farm. It is slated to be redeveloped into a community kitchen. Past pesticide usage on the farm has resulted in potential contamination of the soil and groundwater. Can this project be considered a Brownfield?

Yes, this can be considered a Brownfield project because the intended end use of a community kitchen cannot be achieved due to the potential contamination caused by the use of pesticides for farming.

- E.g. 6: The site is an abandoned textile mill built in the 1850s. Due to its past use of chemicals and dyes in the process, there are several potential pollution issues in the building preventing the reuse of the mill for other purposes. Due to the age of the structures, there are also hazardous building materials present. The mill is being considered to be redeveloped into a residential complex. Can this project be considered a Brownfield?

Yes, this satisfies the definition of a Brownfield since the reuse of the mill has been prevented by the presence or potential presence of the pollution within the buildings. The mill can no longer continue to operate as such and is being proposed for redevelopment once the pollution/contamination is taken care of.

- E.g. 7: The site houses a gas station, which currently remains in operation. There is potential soil and ground water contamination due to the nature of the existing use including some leaking underground tanks. The site is proposed to continue operating as a gas station. Can this project/site be considered a Brownfield?

No, this cannot be considered a Brownfield because the site is not underutilized and there is no redevelopment, reuse or expansion project involved.

- E.g. 8: The site houses an abandoned gas station – there is potential soil and ground water contamination due to the nature of the existing use including some leaking underground tanks. The site is zoned for mixed-use and is being redeveloped to a mixed-use complex. Can this project/site be considered a Brownfield?

Yes, this can be considered a Brownfield in comparison to E.g. 7, because the site is potentially contaminated and is currently underutilized. Proposed plans include redevelopment of the site to the highest and best use, allowed by zoning.

- E.g. 9: The site is currently a parking lot in the center of Downtown. The municipality and developer would like to see it developed to a mixed-use development. Past uses (and an ELUR restricting the site to commercial or industrial use) require the site to be remediated prior to its redevelopment for residential use. Can this project/site be considered a Brownfield?

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Yes, this can be considered a Brownfield because the site is underutilized and is being considered for the highest and best end-use.

- E.g. 10: The site has a past history of industrial and commercial use dating back to the turn of the last century. Approximately one-third of the site is currently occupied for warehouse storage, a gym and laundromat but a majority of the usable square footage site is still underutilized due to the existing pollution in the structures. The vacant portion of the property is proposed to be remediated and reused/redeveloped for business expansion.

Yes, this satisfies the definition of a Brownfield since DECD considers this site to be underutilized since a significant portion of the property is not in use and there is inherent pollution in the structures.

**21. Could you please confirm that cleanup for park use would be an eligible project under the DECD Remediation Grant program?**

- All cleanup projects are eligible to apply for funding under our OBRD programs. No particular end use or redevelopment project is ineligible or prevented from applying. Our application process is competitive in nature utilizing a multi-pronged scoring system. Projects that propose the highest and best end use within what is allowable by zoning score well and are typically successful. Park projects that have a programmatic aspect will also have a higher chance compared to park or open space proposals that don't. In addition, the results of each scoring round differ depending on the types of project applications received.

**22. If I am successful in receiving the grant, when is the project start date? When can I start the work and will I be reimbursed for work immediately?**

- The project start date will be the date of the award letter from DECD. All eligible expenses and invoices from that day are reimbursable as long as contract and consultancy services are contracted in accordance with DECD and state guidelines and approved by the assigned DECD Project Manager. However, no expenses can be reimbursed until a DECD Assistance Agreement (Contract) is put in place.

**23. A consultant is helping me with the application for this grant. Can the consultant get reimbursed from this grant?**

- No, consultant services hired by an Applicant prior to the grant award are not eligible for reimbursement from the grant. Also, preparation of an application to DECD is not an eligible expense.

**24. Do you anticipate that there will be another round in the near future?**

- As per the new statutory requirements, OBRD is required to conduct two competitive grant rounds in any given year. OBRD is targeting to announce another grant round (Round 24) in July/August 2026 provided there are available legislative and State Bonding Commission funding authorizations.

**25. Can you please explain what the new prevailing wage legislation is, as per C.G.S. Section 31-53c?**

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- Please note: C.G.S Section 31-53c was recently amended during the 2025 legislative session (House Bill #7287, Section 160), effective July 1, 2025.
- The statute requires that prevailing wage rates be paid on projects receiving financial assistance under this Program. Specifically:
  - The requirement is triggered when the total financial assistance for cleanup (from any and all DECD source(s)) is a million dollars or more;
  - Prevailing wage rates apply to the cleanup (abatement, remediation, and demolition) phase/contract of a redevelopment project. All non-DECD funding for the cleanup phase/contract will also have to pay prevailing wage rates. If DECD financial assistance is not used for the redevelopment/vertical construction phase, those separate contracts are **not** covered under this requirement; and
  - The wage rates will have to be adjusted annually as required under C.G.S. Section 31-55a (see updated language as per House Bill # 7287, Section 161).
- Financial assistance from all DECD sources will be considered for the \$1 million threshold trigger. (Example: A project/client is receiving \$500K in cleanup funding under this program and \$500K from another source, example, CIF 2030 or Urban Act Program. The total cumulative financial assistance is \$1 million and therefore will trigger the threshold although the financial assistance from this program is only \$500K).
- DECD recommends that every applicant review and seek their own legal advice on whether the new legislation affects their proposed project or approach the Department of Labor (DOL) with their specific question. For a formal DOL determination on the applicability of the prevailing wage rates for your project, please contact Mary Toner, Wage Enforcement Agent, Public Contract Compliance at the CT Dept. of Labor ([mary.toner@ct.gov](mailto:mary.toner@ct.gov); 860.263.6606).

**26. Does the new prevailing wage legislation as per C.G.S. Section 31-53c, affect an Applicant that is a municipality?**

- The definition of Business Organization under C.G.S. Section 31-53c was amended in the 2025 Legislative Session (see updated language as per House Bill #7287, Section 160), effective July 1, 2025 to specifically include municipalities. It may also be noted that C.G.S. Sec. 31-53 already requires public works projects undertaken by DECD's municipal clients to be subject to prevailing wages. The threshold for new construction projects is \$1 million and for renovation projects is \$100,000.
- DECD recommends that every applicant review and seek their own legal advice on whether the new legislation affects their proposed project or approach the Department of Labor (DOL) with their specific question. For a formal DOL determination on the applicability of the prevailing wage rates for your project, please contact Mary Toner, Wage Enforcement Agent, Public Contract Compliance at the CT Dept. of Labor ([mary.toner@ct.gov](mailto:mary.toner@ct.gov); 860.236.6606).

**27. Is a Phase I mandatory for the application?**

- Yes, we will be expecting that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment is included with the submission.

**28. If awarded funding, is there a requirement for the site to be entered into a specific DEEP Remediation Program? What about sites that are already in a cleanup program (example, under the Transfer Act, the Brownfield Remediation and Liability Relief Program etc.)?**

- In conformance with DECD policy and in compliance with C.G.S. Sections 32-763, all recipients of brownfield remediation grant funding not subject to C.G.S. Sec. 22a-134a (Transfer of Hazardous Waste Establishments/Transfer Act Program) shall enter into a program for remediation of the Project Property pursuant to C.G.S. Sections 22a-133x (Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP): Investigation and Remediation of Contaminated Real Property), 22a-133y (Voluntary Remediation Program: Voluntary Remediation of GB/GC Areas), 32-768 (Abandoned Brownfield Cleanup Program), and 32-769 (Brownfield Remediation & Revitalization Program). This requirement does not apply if the Project is receiving remediation funding solely for hazardous building abatement and if, such hazardous building materials represent the sole or sole remaining environmental contamination on the Project Property. As a note, there is no fee associated with entering into a voluntary remediation program as per C.G.S. Sec. 22a-6 (i).

**29. How do the newly passed Release-Based Cleanup Regulations (RBCRs) impact DECD's Brownfield Program?**

- The newly passed RBCRs will have no negative impact on the Brownfield funding and liability relief programs. They will complement existing programs and will be another effective tool for property owners and developers to clean up all levels of contaminated sites up to safe standards in order to prepare them for new end uses. The RBCRs present cost effective solutions for cleanup of properties that do not have complicated, severe, or site-wide issues that brownfield properties typically have.
- Soil and groundwater cleanup projects funded under the Brownfield Program are implemented under the DEEP's Voluntary Remediation Program (under CGS 22a-133x), unless enrolled into a Liability Relief Program or subject to the Transfer Act under the current regulations. These Programs all require site-wide investigation and cleanup. The Release-Based Cleanup Program (RBCP) framework will maintain exemptions for sites cleaned up under these programs.
- The RBCP incorporates updates to remediation standards and the new permits by rule.
- The new RBCRs also incorporate the significant hazard notification statutes, CGS Sec. 22a-6u. The significant hazard notification statutes will be applicable for sites in the state's brownfields programs – thus, providing clarity and consistency.
- The new regulations also clarify how newly discovered and created releases on a brownfield site are treated under the RBCP regime.

**30. Is the DECD Brownfield Program open for funding sites or properties that are going to be cleaned up under the RBCP Program?**

- No, the DECD Brownfield Program will not be open for funding projects or sites that are proposed to be cleaned up under the RBCP regime. All projects will have to follow site-wide investigation and remediation under a formal site-wide remediation program as described in a previous question.

**31. Is the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Notification Form not required as part of the application?**

- Previously the OBRD Application Form required the SHPO Notification Form to be submitted. The process has changed. Beginning Round 22 onwards, the form is not required.
- SHPO will make its preliminary determinations regarding any potential adverse effects to historical or archaeological resources based on the information submitted in the Application Form. Once it has made its preliminary determination as part of the applications review process, and if and when your application is successful in receiving an award, you will be directed to submit an online request for environmental review by the SHPO <https://connctis.ct.gov/pages/environmental-review>. The SHPO reviews the project's consistency with applicable federal and state laws and evaluates how the award decision could potentially impact historic resources and, if feasible, consider ways to avoid or mitigate those effects.
- Projects that are deemed to have no adverse effect during the preliminary review, will automatically receive a Letter of No Adverse Effect determination and will not need to submit any additional requests.
- For more information on SHPO's review process, please visit: [https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Historic-Preservation/01\\_Programs\\_Services/Environmental-Review/Environmental-Review-Procedures](https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Historic-Preservation/01_Programs_Services/Environmental-Review/Environmental-Review-Procedures).
- If you have already completed the SHPO review process and have obtained a No Historic Properties Affected letter, please include it in your application package.

**32. I am simultaneously applying for funding from DOH/CHFA programs for other portions of the redevelopment project and cannot show proof of award yet. Can I receive a conditional award pending a decision from DOH/CHFA?**

- If you have applied and are waiting on CHFA/DOH award announcements or plan to apply for the same soon, DECD will only provide a conditional award pending CHFA/DOH approvals. The conditional award will expire in a year after the DECD award or after the CHFA/DOH funding announcement, whichever occurs earlier.

**33. Is there a required funding match required with the Brownfield remediation grant?**

- There is no match requirement for funding under the Brownfield Grant Program; however, since applications are scored competitively any match contributions and non-DECD funding leverage will be looked upon favorably during the review and scoring process.

**34. How does an applicant demonstrate a public-private partnership? Is approval from the Board required?**

- There are several questions in the Application Form where an Applicant can describe the public-private partnership (please see Part A, Section II, Question 1 & Part B, Section I, Question 3 and 4) for the project. As applicable and available, any available proof of approval from the Town Council /Board of Alderman/Board of Selectman/Applicant Board and status of various permits that may be required should be provided.

**35. Is there a special allocation for projects located within distressed municipalities?**

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- Although there is not a special allocation for projects located within distressed municipalities, the application scoring criteria includes additional points for projects located within a distressed municipality.

**36. The space provided in the application forms is limited. Please can I provide an attachment with additional information to respond to the questions?**

- DECD encourages all applicants to be as succinct as possible with their responses to the questions in the application forms. DECD will only accept responses to the questions included in the space provided within the forms. Material presented outside of the forms may not be reviewed. Incomplete applications will be rejected. The response fields have been restricted to include a limited number of characters. If your response text does not appear within the visible response box, then a portion of your response may be cut off when the form is signed. Please adjust your answers so that all text is visible once the document is signed.

**37. I have a question that is not covered above. How can I get a response?**

- Please feel free to send any questions you may have to [brownfields@ct.gov](mailto:brownfields@ct.gov) (preferred) or contact the dedicated OBRD hotline number at 860.500.2395 by Wednesday, February 25, 2026. All responses to questions not included in this document will also be posted on the OBRD website (as an addendum) by Friday, February 27, 2026.
- OBRD will be conducting an online webinar and individualized office hours over Microsoft Teams. See schedule below:

<b>Webinar/Question-Answer Session</b>	
<u>Tue, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> (10AM – 11AM)</u>	<b>Webinar: An overview of Round 23</b> Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to join Teams on your computer or mobile app. Or call in (audio only) <b>1.860.840.2075</b> ; Phone Conference ID: <b>933 911 44#</b>
<b>Scheduled Office Hours on Teams<sup>1</sup> (see below for scheduling info)</b>	
Tue, February 10 <sup>th</sup> (10AM – 12PM)	Please email <a href="mailto:brownfields@ct.gov">brownfields@ct.gov</a> to request a time for a one-on-one meeting. Upon request, a meeting confirmation and Microsoft Teams link will be provided. Please make all requests by <b>February 20, 2026</b> .
Thur, February 19 <sup>th</sup> (10AM – 12PM)	
Tue, February 24 <sup>th</sup> (1PM – 4PM)	
Thur, February 26 <sup>th</sup> (1PM – 4PM)	

**Previously Recorded Presentations:**

Building Your Redevelopment Project Capital Stack (a presentation from other public funding programs): [PowerPoint Presentation](#) | [Video Recording](#)

Public-Private Partnerships: Options Available to Brownfield Developers and Stakeholders: [PowerPoint Presentation](#) | [Video Recording](#)

**38. What is the due date of the full application form and when can I hear back about award decisions?**

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- Please see the NOFA for the detailed schedule. All applications should be submitted by **noon** on March 25, 2026. Please note that DECD **will** accept submissions prior to this deadline. Please make sure you receive a receipt of application notice from OBRD staff.
- DECD hopes to make the grant award announcements in June/July 2026.