

**NYS Department of State
Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure
Brownfield Opportunity Area Program (BOA)
2021 – 2022 Request for Applications
RFA #21-BOA-06**

The responses to questions included herein are official responses by the Department of State (DOS) to questions submitted by potential applicants and are hereby incorporated into the Request for Applications RFA #21-BOA-06 issued on May 10, 2021. In the event of any conflict between the Request for Applications and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

Questions & Answers

Q1. We are considering applying for a BOA nomination grant. However, we are very small (<750 population rural village), and only have one known brownfield site (an abandoned, arsoned mill). While the nomination application would include the entire village boundaries, the focus is the old mill site, which impacts the entire village. Would such an application be considered eligible and competitive in this program, or should we focus our limited resources on other funding opportunities?

A1: Villages are eligible applicants. The size or number of brownfield sites is not the sole evaluation criteria for the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA). The BOA program applies a neighborhood or area-wide approach. Therefore, including the larger impacted geographic area surrounding the brownfield sites(s) is important. Concentration of brownfields and strategic opportunities for redevelopment are viewed within the context of the area being proposed whether it be a small rural village or a dense urban neighborhood. More broadly, applicants should document how they meet all the scoring criteria as outlined in the RFA.

Q2. What is the final deadline for CFA [Consolidated Funding Application] questions?

A2: The final deadline to submit questions related to the Brownfield Opportunity Area Program was June 18, 2021.

Q3. Which programs allow us to use in-kind services to satisfy the County's match requirements?

A3: For additional information on what constitutes eligible and ineligible costs, see Request for Applications "Section V. Eligible and Ineligible Costs" page 7.

Q4. Does an award for demolition and remediation of a property require the awardee already own the parcel, or maintain ownership?

A4: Demolition and remediation are not eligible for Brownfield Opportunity Area funding. For more information on eligible activities, refer to Request for Applications "Section IV. Eligible Activities" starting on page 4.

Q5: Can an award be transferred to another party? In a sense can an award be used as an incentive to solicit proposals for the demolition, remediation or redevelopment of a specific property?

A5: No, an award cannot be transferred to another party. In addition, demolition, remediation and redevelopment are not eligible activities under the program.