Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund

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What is the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund?

- First established in July 1993
- Provides funding to eligible public & private entities for remediation
- Funding provided to determine cleanup costs
- Purpose is to assist communities in bringing underperforming properties back to potential
HDSRF and Eligibility

- **Authority**: N.J.S.A. 58:10B-4 through 8.1; 25.2 through 25.3

- **Eligibility**: Public Entities, Private Parties, Nonprofit Organizations

- Program is jointly administered by NJDEP, Office of Brownfield Reuse and NJEDA
HDSRF Changes

- **2003**: Constitutional Amendment: “permanently” allocating CBT revenues to HDSRF
- **2005**: SB277 Program expansion-increased grant and loan availability
- **2009**: SRRA Amendment-Cost Recovery
HDSRF Public Entity Grants

- Preliminary Assessments, Site Investigations, and Remedial Investigations – 100%
- Remedial Actions (RA) for BDA Sites – 75%
- RA Grants for Recreation/Conservation Projects – 75%
- RA Grant for Renewable Energy – 75%
- RA Grants for Affordable Housing Projects – 50%
- RA Grants for Innovative Technology & Limited Restricted Use/Unrestricted Use – 25%
HDSRF
Pending Applications & Balance

• Currently 130 pending applications:
  • 75 Public Entity Applications
  • 52 Private Party Applications
  • 3 Nonprofit Applications

• Current Balance in fund ~$33Million
• Estimate for fiscal year 2016 ~$10Million
• Current ask: ~$37Million
HDSRF Current Operating Procedures

Which Applications Rank First?

- Immediate Environmental Concern
- Everything else (based on application date)

Why is the “date application received” important?

- Supplemental applications
- Only for specific phase
HDSRF Process

- Applications received by Bureau of Case Assignment and Initial Notice and forwarded to HDSRF staff
- HDSRF staff review applications in order of current ranking
- Recommendations forwarded to NJEDA
- Funds are not available until Grants/Loans are approved and finalized with NJEDA
- Closing documents/Loan agreements
- Time between NJDEP recommendation and NJEDA final approval
- Annual fees are not included in grants or loans
HDSRF Disbursement

How are public funds disbursed from HDSRF?

- PA/SI/RI phases – Up Front

- 50% & 75% Matching grants & loans (RA) - After work has been completed (receipt of invoices)

- Applicant must demonstrate matching funds are available
HDSRF 25% Matching Grants

Unrestricted Use Remedial Action/Limited Restricted Use Remedial Action (UURA/LRURA)
- Soil Remedial Actions
- No engineering controls
- Need the RAO before disbursement

Innovative Technology
- Typically Groundwater Remedies
- Can disburse as work is completed
HDSRF Loan

Public Entity Loan

- Financial assistance for the implementation of a remedial action – 100%

- Shall bear an interest rate of 2% below the Federal Discount Rate and no lower than 3%

- May be up to $3,000,000
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