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U.S. EPA, Region III**Re: City of Johnstown, PA Application for \$400,000 EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant**

Dear EPA & Brownfields Leadership:

On behalf of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, I am pleased to submit the enclosed application to U.S. EPA for \$200,000 for hazardous substances and \$200,000 for petroleum contamination in a Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment grant for the redevelopment of long-blighted industrial and community sites that continue to hinder Johnstown, as we seek to renew highly distressed neighborhoods with new advanced manufacturing, heritage tourism, and new community green spaces.

Johnstown struggles economically. Johnstown produced steel and mined coal for much of the 19th and 20th Centuries. But by the early 1990s, most of Johnstown's steel production and mining operations had closed. In 1992, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania officially declared Johnstown an economically distressed city. By the time of the 2010 Census, Johnstown's population had dwindled by two thirds to 20,978. Today, more than 34% of residents live below the poverty level. In addition, hundreds of blighted properties litter the landscape, with 1 in 5 houses vacant and more than 40 properties empty in the downtown. This pervasive poverty and social distress is expected to increase as the coal sector contracts.

With massive loss in old manufacturing, the community is marked with vacant and underutilized brownfields scattered in neighborhoods across the city including Cambria City, the Central Business District, Hornerstown, Morrellville/Oakhurst, Moxham, and Roxbury. Johnstown needs to transform these brownfields for new commercial development, river-based tourism development, and new maker spaces and cultural amenities, thereby improving community health, creating jobs, enhancing the tax base, and improving Johnstown's livability. Moreover, Johnstown, surrounded by steep Allegheny Mountains, seeks sites to expand new, advanced manufacturing as part of the Greater Johnstown Metals Manufacturing Coalition, designated in

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2015 as an “Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership” or “IMCP” designee by the Obama Administration.

However, brownfields challenges continue to hinder Johnstown’s progress. EPA Brownfields funding will enable Johnstown to move forward with a revitalization strategy through environmental assessments, community engagement, and robust reuse planning.

- a. **Applicant Identification:** City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania
401 Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15901
- b. **Applicant DUNS #:** 098210719
- c. **Funding Requested:**
 - i. **Grant:** Assessment
 - ii. **Federal Funds Requested:** \$400,000
 - iii. **Contamination:** Hazardous Substances and Petroleum Contamination
 - iv. **Type:** Community-Wide
- d. **Location:** Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania
- e. **N/A**
- f. **Contacts:**
 - i. **Project Director:** Renee Daly
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- g. **Date Submitted:** December 18, 2015
- h. **Project Period:** October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019
- i. **Population:** 20,978
- j. **Other Factors:** See attached

Johnstown has demonstrated great success in brownfields revitalization in the past and, with new leadership from the City, we are prepared to move forward in partnership with U.S. EPA again. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Frank Janakovic
City of Johnstown, PA

Johnstown, PA – Regional Priorities Form / Other Factors Checklist

Name of Applicant: City of Johnstown, PA

Regional Priorities Other Factor

If your proposed Brownfields Assessment project will advance the regional priority(ies) identified in Section I.E, please indicate the regional priority(ies) and the page number(s) for where the information can be found within your 15-page narrative. Only address the priority(ies) for the region in which your project is located. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal, it will not be considered during the selection process.

Regional Priority Titles: **Coordinated Public Funding for Brownfields**

Page Number(s): 1, 6, 9, 10, 13

Assessment Other Factors Checklist

Please identify (with an x) which, if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the selection process.

	Other Factor	Page #
	<i>None of the Other Factors are applicable.</i>	
	Community population is 10,000 or less.	
	Applicant is, or will assist, a federal recognized Indian tribe or U.S territory.	
	Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land.	
X	Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessment.	7, 8, 9
X	Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation.	9, 10
X	Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption has occurred within community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	5
X	Applicant is one of the 24 recipients, or a core partner/implementation strategy party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). To be considered, applicants must clearly demonstrate in the proposal the nexus between their IMCP designation and the Brownfield activities. Additionally, applicants must attach documentation which demonstrate either designation as one of the 24 recipients, or relevant pages from a recipient’s	1, 6, 9, 13

	<p>IMCP proposal which lists/describes the core partners and implementation strategy parties.</p>	
	<p>Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant funding or technical assistance that is directly tied to the proposed Brownfields project, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant/technical assistance has or will benefit the project area. Examples of PSC grant or technical assistance include a HUD Regional Planning or Challenge grant, DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), or EPA Smart Growth Implementation or Building Blocks Assistance, etc. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation.</p>	
	<p>Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant.</p>	

1. COMMUNITY NEED

a. Targeted Community & Brownfields

i. Targeted Community Description – At the turn of the 20th Century, Johnstown was a city on the rise. Following the Great Flood of 1889, Johnstown had rebounded as the region’s economic hub, providing thousands of high-wage manufacturing jobs. In 1900, Johnstown’s population was measured at 35,936. Over the next 50 years, the Bethlehem Steel Company’s boom led Johnstown’s population to nearly double to 63,232. However, increased domestic and foreign competition, as well as technological shifts, thwarted Johnstown’s growth. Extensive damage from the Flood of 1977 further exacerbated the city’s problems. By the early 1990s, most of Johnstown’s steel production and mining operations had closed. By the time of the 2010 Census, Johnstown’s population had dwindled to 20,978; approximately 42,000 people had left the city since its heyday. Today, 34% of residents live below the poverty level. In addition, hundreds of neglected properties litter the landscape, with 1 in 5 houses vacant and more than 40 properties empty in the downtown.

In 1992, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania officially declared Johnstown an economically distressed city. As such, Johnstown operates under a state-mandated *Recovery Plan* that assists municipalities in avoiding bankruptcy. While some headway has been made in attracting technology, retail and defense employers, much of this development has been outside of Johnstown’s corporate limits. A few small manufacturers (JWF Industries, Johnstown Wire Technologies) are reusing Bethlehem Steel facilities. However, manufacturing employment in the area is only a fraction of what it once was, and many former industrial land and facilities are now vacant or underutilized brownfields.

Brownfields can be found in neighborhoods across the city, including Moxham, Cambria City, the Central Business District, Hornerstown, Morrellville/Oakhurst, and Roxbury. Disinvestment, vacant and underutilized land, and abandoned buildings plague these and other areas that once played a role in the city’s manufacturing zenith. A brownfields planning effort in 2009-2010 identified more than 40 potential brownfields across the city. Since that time, 17 sites have either found a reuse or redevelopment is being planned. One of these parcels, a 14-acre former Bethlehem Steel site, has been recycled as the site as the Maintenance and Operations Facility for CamTran, the transit authority. Additionally, the owners of 13 still-unused sites have expressed interest in having their properties assessed. Citywide, Johnstown needs to convert these brownfields from issues to assets, thereby improving community health, creating jobs, enhancing the tax base, and improving the area’s livability.

In response to Johnstown’s decline, community leaders have come together to envision the renewal of this resilient city. Johnstown’s *Recovery Plan*, as well as the *2025 Regional Vision*, identify key initiatives to help create a place where businesses decide to invest, the arts and culture thrive, environmental sustainability is paramount, and families choose to live. Brownfields redevelopment is a critical tool for Johnstown’s revival. This application for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields assistance seeks to put community’s vision into action.

Brownfields redevelopment is key to expanding metals and other advanced manufacturing. The City is a part of the Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Coalition, an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Brownfields remediation also complements Johnstown’s role in the PA-WV POWER Connect coalition, which seeks to create new economic opportunities in advanced manufacturing for displaced coal workers. EDA and the White House hosted a Johnstown POWER Roundtable in November 2015 that included EPA’s Brownfields office.

ii. Demographic Information

	Census Tract #1	Census Tract #2	Census Tract #6	Johnstown	Pennsylvania	United States
Population	1,206 ¹	813 ¹	1,764 ¹	20,576 ¹	12,758,729 ¹	314,107,084 ¹
Percent Unemployed	--	--	--	5.4% ²	5.1% ²	5.0% ²
Poverty Rate	43.1% ¹	30.8% ¹	36.0% ¹	34.0% ¹	13.5% ¹	15.6% ¹
Percent Minority	20.5% ¹	31.5% ¹	14.3% ¹	21.5% ¹	21.5% ¹	37.2% ¹
Median Household Income	\$13,978 ¹	\$23,806 ¹	\$25,912 ¹	\$25,376 ¹	\$53,115 ¹	\$53,482 ¹
No High School Diploma	23.8% ¹	16.2% ¹	12.2% ¹	16.6% ¹	11.0% ¹	13.7% ¹
Women (15-50) with Births in Past 12 Months (per 1,000)	0 ¹	105 ¹	120 ¹	62 ¹	49 ¹	54 ¹
Under 5 Years	0.0% ¹	11.1% ¹	7.9% ¹	7.4% ¹	5.6% ¹	6.4% ¹
Age 65 or Older	43.0% ¹	18.6% ¹	13.5% ¹	18.9% ¹	16.0% ¹	13.7% ¹
No Vehicle Available	70.8% ¹	34.7% ¹	17.5% ¹	28.5% ¹	11.5% ¹	9.1% ¹
Food Stamps/SNAP	42.7% ¹	41.1% ¹	38.3% ¹	38.1% ¹	12.5% ¹	13.0% ¹
¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates ² Bureau of Labor Statistics (October 2015)						

iii. Description of Brownfields – Potential brownfields in Johnstown consist mainly of vacant/ underutilized industrial or heavy commercial structures and the immediately surrounding land. The City of Johnstown has identified several priority properties for brownfields assessment:

- Rebuilt in 1893 after being destroyed by flood and fire, the large, architecturally- and historically-significant **Moxham Bus Barn** buildings were occupied by the Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran) from the late 1970s until very recently, when CamTran moved into a brand new facility on a reclaimed brownfield. The Bus Barns were used for more than 100 years for vehicle storage, fueling and maintenance, and since the 1970s as the central vehicle depot for CamTran. Now, the City must address contamination and plan effective reuse and repurposing of these buildings.
- **Cambria Industrial Development** is a 10.4 acre property on the site of the historic Cambria Iron Works/Bethlehem Steel site. It is slated for industrial and manufacturing reuse, and has already leveraged significant support from EDA and other public agencies for infrastructure upgrades. It currently has several metals manufacturing and processing facilities already operating at the site, but further use requires additional assessment and cleanup.
- The **FreightCar America site** is 34-acre property where Bethlehem Steel made rail cars. Later a manufacturing center owned and operated by FreightCar America, site operations closed in 2008. The parcel is ideal for industrial reuse. In addition, the property has great access to rail, water and labor. Johnstown believes that significant additional environmental assessment and potential cleanup must be performed to address hazardous and petroleum contamination.
- A former **baggage and freight facility** (closed in 2013) next to the train station has been targeted for assessment to address potential petroleum, asbestos and hazardous waste contamination. Repurposing this facility piggybacks on funding that Johnstown has received to restore the station.
- Situated a short walk away from the home where Clara Barton set up headquarters during her work after the Great Johnstown Flood, this 37,000-square foot **Red Cross building** sits vacant and unused, after having been used for blood services in the region. Environmental investigation into building conditions could foster productive reuse for commercial offices.
- Johnstown seeks to rehabilitate the **Main Street East Garage**, which houses a CamTran Transit Center, Greyhound Lines and three floors of commercial office space. Resources to assess

environmental issues including asbestos, petroleum contamination or other potential contaminants will support this transit redevelopment project.

- At the very gateway to downtown, a **vacant gas station** sits empty. Assessment and reuse planning resources can help Johnstown work with the private sector to move this site into reuse.

iv. Cumulative Environmental Issues – As the home of many former manufacturing sites, the Johnstown region has been subject to a number of environmental issues over the years. The city currently hosts multiple gas stations, body shops, dry cleaners, metal finishing companies, industrial plants, and rail yards. Major highways traverse Johnstown, including U.S. 219 and State Route 56. Surface waters carry acid mine drainage as a result of coal mining. Several coal-fired power plants are located in the region, namely the Seward (521 megawatt) and Conemaugh (1,711 megawatt) generating stations. The Dornick Point Sewage Treatment Plant is also located in Johnstown.

The area is highly monitored by EPA for air pollution, hazardous waste and toxic releases. According to EPA's Envirofacts system, 86 facilities are regulated in the area, including: nine stationary sources of air pollution; one entity in the Hazardous Waste Report; 12 permitted dischargers of wastewater; 47 hazardous waste handlers; and five businesses that use chemicals included on the Toxic Releases Inventory. Johnstown's air quality is also approaching EPA non-attainment levels. Fine particles (PM 2.5) represent a concern for the region, measuring just under the acceptable standard. Johnstown is designated in moderate nonattainment for both the 1997 and 2006 particulate matter 2.5 standards.

EPA's EJScreen tool shows Johnstown residents in the 69th, 85th and 69th percentiles for traffic proximity and volume in Census Tracts 1, 2 and 6, respectively; the 66th, 82nd and 88th percentiles for lead paint indicators in Census Tracts 1, 2 and 6, respectively; the 60th, 63rd and 66th percentiles for proximity to a National Priority List site in Census Tracts 1, 2 and 6, respectively; the 61st, 69th and 76th percentiles in proximity to a Risk Management Plan facility for Census Tracts 1, 2 and 6, respectively; in the 60th, 65th and 68th percentiles in proximity to Treatment Storage and Disposal Facilities for Census Tracts 1, 2 and 6, respectively; and the 64th, 73rd and 86th percentiles in proximity to a major direct water discharger for Census Tracts 1, 2 and 6, respectively.

Figures for annual death rates from cancer for 2006-10 show a rate for Cambria County of 178.8 per 100,000, which is higher than the 176.4 rate for the nation. The Pennsylvania Department of Health's *2012 Pennsylvania Asthma Burden Report* also shows an inpatient hospitalization rate of 42.2 per 10,000 Cambria County children for asthma, compared to 24.0 per 10,000 children statewide.

b. Impacts on Targeted Community – Johnstown brownfields pose serious health, welfare and environmental risks. Previous assessment activities on similar properties have revealed hazardous materials in the soil and groundwater, including:

- High concentrations of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), sulfur compounds, and complex cyanide, volatile or phenolic compounds; and
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and heavy metals.

The project team expects to find a similar mix of hazardous materials during the project, resulting in subsurface soil and groundwater pollution. EPA has designated some of these substances as priority pollutants. As such, they are highly carcinogenic, mutagenic and teratogenic. Potential impacts include:

- **PAH:** High prenatal exposure to PAH is associated with lower IQ and childhood asthma. The Center for Children's Environmental Health states that exposure to PAH pollution during

pregnancy is related to adverse birth outcomes, including low birth weight, premature delivery and heart malformations. Cord blood of babies exposed to PAH pollution has been linked to cancer.

- **PCBs**: PCBs can cause cancer, as well as other adverse health effects on the immune system, reproductive system, nervous system, and endocrine system. Maternal exposure occurring prior to pregnancy can result in brain damage to the developing fetus.
- **Cadmium**: Long-term exposure to low levels of cadmium may cause kidney disease. Other effects are lung damage and fragile bones. Cadmium can cause iron-poor blood, high blood pressure, liver disease, and nerve or brain damage. Cadmium may also cause cancer.
- **Chromium**: While chromium is an essential nutrient, too much chromium can cause health problems, including skin rashes, upset stomachs and ulcers, respiratory problems, weakened immune systems, kidney and liver damage, alteration of genetic material, lung cancer, and death.
- **Copper**: Copper is vital to the health of all living things. However, excess copper intake causes stomach upset, nausea and diarrhea, and can lead to tissue injury and disease.
- **Lead**: Lead is toxic to many organs and tissues. Low levels of lead in the blood of children can result in permanent damage to the brain and nervous system, leading to behavior and learning problems, lower IQs, hearing problems, slowed growth, and anemia. Lead ingestion by children can cause seizures, comas and even death. Pregnant women are also highly vulnerable to lead exposure, which can result in serious effects on the pregnancy and the developing fetus.
- **Mercury**: Exposure to mercury can impair neurological development, as well as damage the gastrointestinal tract, the nervous system and the kidneys.
- **Nickel**: Eating or drinking high levels of nickel can produce lung disease in dogs and rats and affect the stomach, blood, liver, kidneys, and immune system in rats and mice, as well as their reproduction and development.
- **Zinc**: The short-term effects of ingesting high levels of zinc include stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting. Long-term, zinc can cause anemia, decrease good cholesterol levels and cause infertility.

Johnstown suspects petroleum contamination at the targeted sites, from previous fueling stations, bus maintenance, underground tanks, automotive repairs and other activities. Potential impacts include:

- **Benzene**: Exposure to low levels of benzene can cause drowsiness, dizziness, rapid heart rate, headaches, tremors, confusion, and unconsciousness. Eating foods or drinking liquids containing high benzene levels can cause vomiting, stomach irritation, dizziness, sleepiness, convulsions, rapid heart rate, coma, and death. EPA classifies benzene as a human carcinogen. Studies of pregnant animals exposed to benzene have shown harmful effects.
- **Toluene**: Toluene is a respiratory irritant and has effects on the central nervous system. Inhalation of toluene vapors may cause drowsiness, headache, nausea, visual changes, muscle spasm, dizziness, and loss of coordination. Long-term toluene exposure can affect thinking, memory, muscular abilities, hearing, and color vision, as well as cause brain damage and changes in liver and kidney function. Studies have shown an increase in spontaneous abortion among exposed women.
- **Xylene**: Overexposure to xylene can depress the central nervous system, producing headaches, nausea, dizziness, and drowsiness. Long-term exposure may lead to irritability, depression, insomnia, agitation, extreme tiredness, tremors, impaired concentration and short-term memory. Xylene inhaled by women can reach developing fetuses and contaminate breast milk.

Vulnerable populations in Census Tracts 1, 2 and 6 include pregnant women, children and the elderly. Census Tracts 2 and 6 have extraordinary birth rates (105 and 120 per 1,000 women, respectively, compared with 49 per 1,000 in Pennsylvania and 54 per 1,000 nationwide). Many of the suspected

hazardous substances and petroleum by-products cause harm during pregnancy. Census Tracts 2 and 6 also have high concentrations of children under 5 (11.1% and 7.9%, respectively, compared to 5.6% statewide and 6.4% across the country). Many of the listed pollutants threaten development in kids. In addition, Census Tract 1 has a significant elderly population (43% over 65 years old). Environmental contamination has a bigger effect on senior citizens than it does on younger people. Environmental pollution also poses risks to aquatic life in the Stonycreek and Little Conemaugh Rivers. Cleaning up brownfields near these important natural resources will safeguard fish and fowl, and protect residents who depend upon subsistence fishing to provide food for their tables.

Furthermore, brownfields have produced negative psychological impacts on Johnstown residents. While a number of brownfield sites are located in former industrial complexes, it should be noted that these complexes were developed in the 19th Century when land uses were not separated. Thus, many of Johnstown's brownfields abut residential and commercial areas. Brownfield properties contribute blighting influences to the city as a whole and to affected neighborhoods in particular. Vacant and neglected brownfields provide an easy target for illegal activities, typically starting with vandalism, evolving to theft of copper, fixtures and other materials, and finally resulting in illegal dumping. The end result is a severely dangerous and dilapidated property that triggers further outmigration.

c. Financial Need

i. Economic Conditions – Between 1920 and 1965, the region's economy rose and fell with the fortunes of the steel and coal industries. Johnstown's economy peaked in the 1950s when 41,000 people were employed in town. In the latter part of the 20th Century, changes in the steel industry led Bethlehem Steel and U.S. Steel, Johnstown's two largest employers, to cut their workforces. Global overcapacity, foreign and domestic competition, market isolation, and damage from a major flood led to Bethlehem Steel's 1992 decision to withdraw from Johnstown entirely, repeating U.S. Steel's 1983 exit. The reduction in the steel industry workforce caused layoffs in supporting service industries. The region's coal sector is now suffering a similar fate. Most recently (2013), Johnstown Specialty Castings terminated its operations in the community, thus creating additional brownfields.

In 1992, the City applied for and received distressed community status under Act 47. Johnstown now operates under a state-approved *Recovery Plan* that helps the City avoid bankruptcy. Johnstown and its allied agencies operate with severe fiscal limitations. The national recession further impacted the Johnstown's economy. Incomes have decreased and property values remain low. While the national median household income rose from \$50,007 to \$52,176 between the 2005-2007 and 2011-2013 American Community Surveys, Johnstown experienced a decline from \$24,758 to \$23,785. Between 2011 and 2013, the median value of an owner-occupied housing unit in Johnstown was \$42,600. Johnstown has also had to deal with the impacts of climate change, including a Federal Emergency Management Agency-issued Major Disaster Declaration in 2010 for severe winter storms.

The City struggles to maintain basic public services, and is in no position to fund assessments locally. The region's struggling economy has thwarted brownfields investment by developers. EPA funding will provide a boost to Johnstown's revitalization goals, and help attract private sector interests.

ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields – Like other older industrial urban areas, the Johnstown area felt the pressures of suburbanization in the post-World War II era. As roads and other infrastructure were extended, the more affluent and upwardly-mobile people moved outside of the city. At first this was a "residential exodus", and then the Flood of 1977 expanded the loss to commercial and industrial

departures as well. The heavy manufacturing base of the city began to wither, and like many other rust belt communities, former industrial property was abandoned. While rail-served downtown sites were once desirable, truck-served industrial and business parks directly accessible to regional highways (U.S. 22, U.S. 219 and PA Turnpike) became more marketable and in demand.

Brownfields have unquestionably impacted Johnstown's economy. Contamination has led to additional abandoned and blighted properties, a spiraling decrease in property values, lower property taxes and crippled tax base, a general disinvestment in the community, a further exodus of business and jobs, and increased municipal burden to maintain infrastructure. As time has marched on, community disinvestment in Johnstown has only intensified. In effect, much of the fiscal issues that led Johnstown into the Act 47 financial distressed status is directly or indirectly brownfield impacts.

Now, the City is home to a less affluent population. Poverty rates are more than three times higher in target areas than across Pennsylvania and the United States, and household median income is two to four times less in priority Census Tracts compared to state and national levels. As such, more residents rely upon Food Stamp and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Johnstown households are more than eight times less likely to own a vehicle than national averages, and dependence on transit is high. Almost a quarter of Census Tract 1 adults have no high school diploma.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS

a. Project Description

i. Project Description – Johnstown produced steel and mined coal until the 1990s. When the plants closed or left town, years of economic disinvestment hid a legacy of contamination. Johnstown seeks EPA Brownfields funding to help characterize hazardous substances and petroleum, and plan productive reuse. Potential sites include long-time, major industrial sites including:

- A former CamTran facility that has housed buses and equipment since the late-19th Century;
- A former 34-acre FreightCar America industrial site that has great rail, water and labor access;
- A former baggage and freight facility next to the city's train station;
- A 10.4-acre former Cambria Iron Works/Bethlehem Steel site;
- The 37,000-square foot former Red Cross blood services facility;
- The Main Street East Garage, contaminated with asbestos and petroleum byproducts; and
- A former gas station located at the gateway to downtown Johnstown.

As Johnstown's past is rooted in manufacturing, the community seeks to create new, middle-class jobs through the growth of advanced manufacturing and technology innovation, particularly focused on metals and advanced materials spurred by the Maker Movement. Johnstown is working to propel job creation through its involvement in the Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Coalition, an Obama Administration-designed IMCP. Further, Johnstown will use its collaboration with the POWER Connect Coalition and the Obama Administration's "POWER+" initiative to create manufacturing opportunities to replace the thousands of jobs lost due to dramatic contraction in the coal sector.

The places for the new, advanced manufacturing in Johnstown are the areas of the old manufacturing – which means brownfields. Johnstown seeks to redevelop these sites before they become permanent blights. Developers and manufacturers are interested in these properties, but potential buyers want to know the extent of industrial hazards that have to be cleaned up. Assessing these sites will help Johnstown meet the community's goals of spurring development, growing jobs, eliminating blight, and improving livability. Brownfields redevelopment supports the City's *Recovery Plan*, as well as the

2025 Regional Vision, which seek to transform the downtown. In addition, EPA funding will enable Johnstown to follow through on the 2010 planning charrette and subsequent public meetings in December 2013 and November 2014 that have identified prospective site assessment opportunities.

Specifically, a Steering Committee comprised of residential, business and public sector stakeholders has been convened to develop a process to identify and select sites for assessments. Johnstown will procure environmental professionals and planning consultants to support Johnstown’s brownfields activities. Working with numerous community partners, the project team will engage residents and businesses throughout the process. Willing property owners will be consulted and encouraged to participate in the state’s voluntary cleanup program. All Phase I and Phase II activities will meet ATSM standards. Johnstown will conduct remedial planning at the sites with the most redevelopment potential and momentum, and will use community charrettes and interaction with prospective developers to drive reuse planning that includes planned and viable reuses, area-wide-style asset and infrastructure evaluation, assessment of the feasibility of reuses, and leveraging strategies. Cleanup and reuse planning will help move assessed brownfields into remediation and redevelopment. Project deliverables will include: public outreach materials, 5 public meetings, 15 Phase I assessments, 10 Phase II assessments, and completed cleanup and reuse/revitalization plans at priority sites.

ii. Project Timing

Activity	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Grant Management	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Form Steering Committee	X											
Steering Committee Meetings	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RFP for Qualified Consultants	X											
Hire Qualified Consultants		X										
Community Meetings		X	X					X	X			X
Site Selection				X	X							
Negotiate Access Agreements					X	X						
Phase I & Phase II Activities						X	X	X	X	X		
Cleanup & Reuse Planning										X	X	
Project Closeout												X

- **Grant Management:** Johnstown’s Community & Economic Development Director Renee Daly will serve as the project manager. Renee has managed federally-funded projects, and is experienced with brownfields (see Section 5.a.) She will manage grant activities throughout the project period.
- **Steering Committee:** Key public, nonprofit, neighborhood, academic, landowner, and private sector stakeholders have been invited to participate on the project’s Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will meet immediately upon project award and at least quarterly thereafter, and help direct the team’s efforts. Important Steering Committee roles include helping to develop site selection criteria, and encouraging community engagement.
- **Procuring Qualified Consultants:** The project manager will procure environmental and planning consultants upon project award to support community engagement activities; conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments; and develop cleanup and reuse plans.
- **Community Meetings:** Community meetings will begin in the middle of Year 1, preceding and informing site selection. Additional events will occur at the end of Year 2 to prepare for the cleanup

and reuse planning process. A final public meeting will be held at the conclusion of the project to review accomplishments and outline additional steps being taken with the assessed sites.

- **Site Selection:** The project team and Steering Committee will develop a set of criteria for the identification and selection of sites. Site selection, initiating at the end of Year 1, will consider the significance of the public health threat, community support, willing property owners, prospects for redevelopment, potential to boost advanced manufacturing, and other criteria (see Section 2.a.iii.).
- **Site Access:** The City will negotiate access agreements with property owners at the beginning of Year 2. Access agreements will enable the team to discuss all issues with landholders up front.
- **Assessments:** Following site selection and formal agreements with landowners for property access, environmental consultants will initiate Phase I and Phase II assessments.
- **Cleanup & Reuse Planning:** The team will work with its consultants after the completion of Phase I and Phase II assessments to determine feasible cleanup options. A major focus will then be creation of productive reuse plans, including for advanced manufacturing opportunities.

iii. Site Selection – Johnstown will work with the Steering Committee to develop a weighted rating/ranking system whereby brownfields are prioritized in a manner balancing environmental, community and redevelopment benefits. Appropriate properties will be identified using the following criteria: redevelopment potential; protection of public health; nuisance resolution; tax base impacts; interested buyers; community support; capacity to unleash further revitalization; ability to create jobs for neighborhood residents; likeliness to negotiate site access agreements with willing property owners; and potential to leverage state and federal resources for cleanup and revitalization.

A key criterion for site selection is community support. Johnstown will ask residential and business stakeholders to nominate sites for brownfield assessments, and to attend public meetings to provide input and share feedback. Ultimately, site selection will be viewed through the lens of whether brownfields assessment and cleanup will advance the vision of a vibrant, livable community.

b. Task Description & Budget Table

i. Task Description

- **Task 1 – Cooperative Agreement Oversight (\$5,000 Hazardous, \$5,000 Petroleum):** Limited dollars will support the time of a project manager (\$2,500 total), who will serve as a liaison with EPA Region 3 and be responsible for assuring grant compliance. The procured environmental consultant will help support the project (\$4,500 total). Travel expenses (\$2,500 total for flights, hotels and meals) have been set aside for two staff members to attend EPA’s national brownfields conference and up to two regional brownfield conferences over the course of the project period to learn best practices and identify ways to leverage EPA resources. A limited amount of expenses (\$500 total) have also been budgeted for office supplies and other expenses to support this task.
- **Task 2 – Community Outreach & Involvement (\$11,750 Hazardous, \$11,750 Petroleum):** The budget supports engagement activities with residents, businesses and other stakeholders. Staff (\$2,500 total) and consultants (\$20,000 total) will manage the outreach effort, and produce educational information for residents, community groups, property owners, and businesses. Limited expenses (\$1,000 total) have also been budgeted for office supplies and other costs to support this task.
- **Task 3 – Brownfields Assessment Activities (\$161,500 Hazardous, \$161,500 Petroleum):** Activities related to carrying out site assessments include procurement of consultants; refinement and finalization of rating/ranking criteria; rating and ranking of sites; follow-up planning/technical assistance on sites (tax records, mapping, past studies); and preparation of Sampling and Analysis Plans and Health and Safety Plans as needed for Phase II Assessments. Brownfield sites will vary

in size, complexity and condition. As such, the City estimates it will conduct 15 Phase I assessments (\$5,000 on average), and 10 Phase II assessments (\$24,000 on average). Budget expenses primarily support Phase II assessments. These activities will be conducted by qualified environmental professionals (\$310,000 total). Staff (\$2,500 total of personnel time) will manage the assessment process. Limited expenses (\$500 total) have also been budgeted for office supplies and other costs to support this task.

- **Task 4 – Site Reuse & Cleanup Planning (\$21,750 Hazardous Substances, \$21,750 Petroleum):** Funding is included to support cleanup and reuse plans (\$40,000 total) developed by qualified consultants and reuse experts with significant community input. Funding is included for City staff (\$2,500 total) to manage planning activities. Limited expenses (\$1,000 total) have also been budgeted for office supplies and other expenses to support this task.

ii. Budget Table

Category	Hazardous Substances – Project Tasks				
	Cooperative Agreement Oversight	Community Outreach & Involvement	Brownfields Assessment Activities	Site Reuse & Cleanup Planning	TOTAL
Personnel	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$5,000
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$1,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$250	\$500	\$250	\$500	\$1,500
Contractual	\$2,250	\$10,000	\$160,000	\$20,000	\$192,250
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c. Ability to Leverage – An EPA Assessment grant will immediately leverage existing funding, and provide opportunities to seek additional resources. Assessment funding immediately leverages an existing grant from the state’s Industrial Sites Reuse Program. In addition, Johnstown and its project partners have received, and will pursue, the following resources to support downtown revitalization efforts, which an EPA Brownfields grant will leverage:

- In 2015, Johnstown collaborated with Pittsburgh and received an IMCP designation from EDA, which will help grow jobs in the metals manufacturing sector.
- In 2014, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania awarded Johnstown nearly \$2.0 million in grants to improve critical downtown transportation infrastructure and facilities, including rehabilitation of an historic train station and improvements to the Main Street East Garage, a brownfield priority.

- The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies recently received \$200,000 in state funds to create the Entrepreneurial Alchemy Network, designed to help entrepreneurs grow downtown businesses.
- Johnstown received \$1.2 million in EDA Public Works grants to improve Iron Street to support advanced manufacturing and the maker movement.
- The City is participating in the Obama Administration’s Maker Mayors Challenge, which is urging local government leaders to support urban Makerspaces, as well as its My Brother’s Keeper initiative, which seeks to provide employment opportunities for low-income youth.

During the project period, Johnstown also intends to pursue the following resources:

- In 2016, Johnstown will compete for U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) TIGER funds to support Complete Streets in brownfield project areas.
- Johnstown will pursue state Industrial Sites Reuse Program funds to support brownfields cleanup.
- Johnstown will seek EPA Building Blocks assistance for infill development and economic health.
- The City will dedicate future HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to help redevelop remediated sites.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

a. Plan for Involving Targeted Community & Other Stakeholders/Communicating Progress

i. Community Involvement Plan – Representatives from the City, neighborhood associations, the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, Johnstown Area Regional Industries, Johnstown Area Heritage Association, Lift Johnstown, CamTran, and JWF Industries have already been invited to help support the project. Staff will meet regularly with the Steering Committee (initially and at least quarterly thereafter). The Steering Committee will help engage residents and businesses.

Johnstown will establish a Community Engagement Team to support public involvement. The Community Engagement Team will include City staff, as well as members of community associations, businesses, the education sector, non-profits, and other stakeholders. Outside groups will also be invited to nominate Community Engagement Team participants. The Community Engagement Team will meet at least monthly in the Year 1 to plan outreach activities and will operate by consensus.

Johnstown’s Community Engagement Team will host a series of three public meetings during Year 1. The purpose of this engagement will be to target EPA funding to properties that will provide the greatest community benefits. Beginning in Year 2, three additional meetings will focus on cleanup and reuse planning. A final meeting will be held at the conclusion of the project to review accomplishments and outline next steps with the assessed sites. Engagement activities will occur at convenient times, be centrally located and provide childcare to maximize public involvement. Convenient meeting locations in affected neighborhoods include the 2nd Presbyterian Church and City Council Chambers. Online tools will be used to send and receive information. Printed materials will also be prepared and distributed to residents (e.g., senior citizens) without Internet access.

ii. Communicating Progress – Johnstown will communicate monthly with the community through neighborhood gatherings, church groups, speaker’s bureaus, newsletters, web sites, social media, and other communication tools. Concise summaries of the targeted sites will identify brownfields work conducted and next steps. All written outreach materials will be made available in English and Spanish. The proposed outreach tools are appropriate for the community, and Johnstown has used these

communications methods with previous success. Similar communication efforts include planning for the Cambria City arts and cultural district, revitalization of the historic Conrad Building and the development of a funding roadmap for the city.

b. Partnership with Government Agencies

i. Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authority – The City and Johnstown Redevelopment Authority are the primary entities responsible for brownfields cleanup. The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority has previously received EPA Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup dollars, and is experienced in the remediation process. In addition to EPA funding, Johnstown has had great success in utilizing state Industrial Sites Reuse Program funds at brownfields. For instance, the cleanup of the Johnstown Corporation was selected by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as a “Showcase Brownfield Project.”

The Johnstown team will also include other public environmental partners, including:

- The Cambria County Conservation District, a key local environmental and technical assistance review agency, will provide technical support to the project team.
- The district office of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has been asked to support the project. The agency will review site inventories, site assessments and related information during the project, and provide necessary technical assistance. Property owners will be encouraged to enroll their sites in the state’s voluntary Land Recycling Program.

ii. Other Governmental Partnerships – The Cambria County Planning Commission, which supports regional planning efforts, will help ensure that Johnstown’s brownfields efforts fulfill long-term regional goals. Johnstown works closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s Cambria County State Health Center to improve health disparities in low-income neighborhoods. State health representatives will be invited to serve on the project’s Steering Committee and Technical Team. Specific roles for health professionals will be to provide technical assistance, share lessons learned, identify sensitive populations, and help prioritize sites that pose immediate risks to human health.

As there is no significant state and federal agency presence near Johnstown, the project team will maintain contact with its intergovernmental partners through periodic conference calls and webinars. Johnstown will share written updates with agency leaders. Johnstown plans to host a “Revitalization Roundtable” in late 2016 that will bring appropriate local, regional, state, and federal governmental agencies together to discuss downtown’s restoration. The 1 ½-day event will include a tour of brownfields targeted for assessments, and involve discussions of the possible roles of intergovernmental partners. State and federal partners are also already significantly contributing to Johnstown’s renewal, and pending grant applications are currently under review that will establish further interagency collaboration.

c. Partnerships with Community Organizations

i. Community Organization Description & Role

Organization	Brief Description	Project Roles & Commitments
Neighborhood Associations	Cambria City, Central Business District, and Moxham	Steering Committee, community outreach, identify sites, and support cleanup and reuse
Johnstown Redevelopment Authority	Economic development agency	Steering Committee, community outreach, identify sites for assessment, and support cleanup and reuse

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies	Local philanthropy	Steering Committee, community outreach, support cleanup & reuse, potential funder
Johnstown Area Regional Industries	Two-county economic development agency	Steering Committee, community outreach, identify sites, market assessed sites, support cleanup and reuse
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Lift Johnstown	Partnership of community groups seeking to “reinvent” Johnstown	Steering Committee, community outreach, identify sites, and support cleanup and reuse
CamTran	Public transportation provider	Steering Committee, community outreach, identify sites, and support cleanup and reuse
JWF Industries	Manufacturer of metal products	Steering Committee, community outreach, identify sites, and support cleanup and reuse
Cambria County Planning Commission	Regional planning entity	Community outreach, identify sites, market assessed sites, and support cleanup and reuse
Discover Downtown Johnstown Partnership	Non-profit that supports downtown revitalization	Community outreach, identify sites, market assessed sites, and support cleanup and reuse
Greater Johnstown Chamber of Commerce	Business organization	Conduct to businesses, identify sites, market assessed sites, and support cleanup and reuse
Johnstown Housing Authority	Public housing agency for the region	Outreach to residents and identify sites
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Catalyst Connection	IMCP designee	Support for manufacturing reuse
POWER Connect Coalition	Economic development group focused on displaced coal workers	Support for manufacturing reuse
Local Businesses and Developers	Cambria Industrial Development LLC and CCN Properties LLC	Identify sites, market assessed sites, support cleanup and reuse
Local Environmental Groups	Stonycreek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project and Greater Johnstown Watershed Association	Community outreach and identify sites

ii. Letters of Commitment – See attached letters of commitment.

4. PROJECT BENEFITS

a. Health and/or Welfare & Environment

i. Health and/or Welfare – Brownfields assessment and reuse will create the following benefits:

- Determination of threats to public health for Johnstown’s at-risk populations, including the elderly, poor, minorities, pregnant women, and children;
- For prioritized sites, specific cleanup plans that eliminate threats to Johnstown residents from direct

contact, inhalation and indoor vapor intrusion of hazardous substances;

- Quality of life improvements in low-income Johnstown neighborhoods by first identifying, and then remediating and reusing, vacant, blighted and underutilized brownfield sites and buildings;
- Cleaning up brownfields will lead to increased job opportunities for Johnstown's unemployed and underemployed local residents;
- Elimination of blight, that in turn will reduce crime and encourage population growth (Johnstown's population has been decreasing); and
- Renewed public investment in Johnstown will encourage residents and business owners to improve the appearance of their properties.

ii. Environmental Benefits – EPA support will produce the following environmental benefits:

- Cleaning up contaminated sites will improve air, surface water, groundwater, and soil quality;
- Remediation efforts will reduce polluted runoff into and protect aquatic life within the Stonycreek and Little Conemaugh Rivers; and
- Downtown development supports smart growth, and decreases fuel use and GHG emissions.

b. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse

i. Planning, Policies & Other Tools – Several recent plans for the City have followed sustainable development and smart growth principles, including *The City of Johnstown Master Plan*, an economic/business development strategy that includes recreation, housing and other social elements. Several buildings in the City have been renovated in accordance with LEED standards, and the City's current zoning provides for a number of mixed-use Traditional Neighborhood Districts, which reinforces Johnstown's neighborhood-based strategy. EPA Brownfields funding complements these sustainable development and smart growth policies, and creates a pipeline of properties that Johnstown will cleanup to support its planning efforts.

ii. Integrating Equitable Development or Livability Principles – Revitalization in Johnstown meets all six of the Livability Principles:

- **Provide more transportation choices:** The project will address brownfields sites that are on key routes where the City is, separately from this grant, planning complete streets and trail network expansions for better connectivity.
- **Promote equitable, affordable housing:** Johnstown's brownfields are located in neighborhoods with major poverty, where revitalization will provide jobs, blight removal and other opportunities.
- **Enhance economic competitiveness:** A core aspect of the Johnstown brownfields initiative is to create sites for advanced metals manufacturing as part of the Pittsburgh regional IMCP effort.
- **Support existing communities:** These brownfields assessments are targeted at historic neighborhoods with well-established infrastructure.
- **Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment:** Brownfields efforts build on Johnstown's role in the Obama Administration IMCP and POWER+ initiatives.
- **Value communities and neighborhoods:** Brownfields cleanup will remove blight in and around the disadvantaged Johnstown neighborhoods and increase community pride.

c. Economic Benefits and Community Benefits (Long-Term)

i. Economic or Other Benefits – Past brownfields efforts in Johnstown resulted in creating hundreds of manufacturing jobs – 440 alone at JWF Industries facilities. Considering the facilities suggested for assessments, up to 350 jobs are likely to be created or retained through the project. Given Johnstown's

Act 47 fiscal issues, increasing the tax base is a high priority. According to a 2013 tax record review, actual dilapidated and underutilized commercial properties yielded \$0.18-\$0.58 per square foot in annual property taxes, while renovated and improved commercial properties yield \$1.93-\$3.15 per square foot. There are numerous vacant and underutilized commercial properties as candidate sites for assessment, and the recycling of 35,000 square feet would yield \$61,250-\$89,950 in new taxes every year. Likewise, this tax record review showed that improved and renovated industrial properties in the City realized an increase of \$2,052-\$4,699 per acre in annual property taxes, suggesting that recycling only 25 acres of industrial land would be expected to generate \$51,300-\$117,475 in taxes annually.

ii. Job Creation Potential: Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs – Johnstown will encourage its contractors and developers to recruit and hire low-income residents from the impacted neighborhood. Specifically, the City will:

- Coordinate with the Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board as the Request for Proposals for environmental and planning consultants are prepared;
- Seek the bids of local qualified environmental and planning consultants;
- Encourage consultants to participate in local job fairs to hire skilled workers from Johnstown; and
- Prioritize sites that present redevelopment opportunities for local jobs.

5. Programmatic Capability & Past Performance

a. Programmatic Capability – Johnstown has a track record of successfully managing community projects. Key to this effort is the development of a detailed work plan with clear milestones and responsibilities. This will be developed at an initial meeting, including participation from City staff and Steering Committee members. Representatives from Pennsylvania DEQ’s Land Recycling Program and other key state officials will be invited to participate. The meeting will identify goals, and responsibilities will be delineated. Performance measures will be established to track progress.

Johnstown has the necessary staff expertise. A project manager will be designated who has experience managing federal funding and who will ensure that all grant requirements are followed. The project manager will lead all project teams. The project manager will have experience working with project partners, as well as have familiarity with conducting outreach campaigns in the community.

A Steering Committee will meet regularly to direct the project, and will include representatives from the City, neighborhood associations, Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, Johnstown Area Regional Industries, Johnstown Area Heritage Association, Lift Johnstown, CamTran, and others. In addition, two project teams will be established. A Community Engagement Team will carry out strategies to enhance citizen involvement. The Community Engagement Team will be composed of members of various City departments, community associations, the business community, non-profits, and other stakeholders. A second Technical Team will be formed to support the identification and assessment of brownfields properties.

Expertise, Qualifications & Experience of Project Manager/Staff: Project management duties will be assigned to Renee Daly, Johnstown’s Community & Economic Development Director. Renee will provide overall project administration, oversee the procurement process for technical services, review and approve invoices, direct the activities of staff and consultants, and provide progress reports. She will serve as a liaison with EPA Region 3, and be responsible for assuring compliance with the grant’s administrative and reporting requirements. Renee will lead all of the community engagement activities associated with the grant. She will be supported by a qualified team, including:

- Melissa Komar, Johnstown’s Land Management Coordinator.
- Johnstown Redevelopment Authority & Cambria County Department of Economic Development.
- Environmental consultants will be contracted to perform required research and fieldwork. Brownfields experts will support public engagement activities, help prioritize sites, conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments, and develop cleanup strategies for the assessed properties.
- Johnstown will procure the services of experienced planning consultants. Planning experts will support public engagement activities and prepare area-wide style reuse and revitalization plans.

Retaining Project Leadership/Recruiting Qualified Staff: Johnstown’s committed team of employees will conduct the project. Johnstown is using a team approach to ensure that work on the project is not dependent on just a few key personnel. The Community Engagement and Technical Teams will be staffed with employees who will work together to accomplish project goals. This redundancy will ensure that milestones will be achieved, even in the event of employee turnover. Should new staff need to be recruited during the project, the City will seek candidates who have previous brownfields experience. Open positions will be filled quickly, and new staff members will be assimilated into the team structure. The team approach will help accelerate the learning curve of any new employees.

Acquiring Additional Expertise & Resources: Qualified environmental and planning consultants will help: support community engagement activities; conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments; and develop cleanup and reuse plans. These services will be solicited using standard procurement practices. Johnstown’s established procedures include seeking statements of qualifications and price. Professionals with previous EPA Brownfields experience will be encouraged to compete. Contractors who submit the lowest bona fide bids and are considered to be qualified will be selected.

b. Audit Findings – Johnstown has not been cited for any adverse audit findings from an OMB Circular A-133 audit or any other audit. The City has also never been required to comply with special “high risk” terms or conditions under OMB Circular A-102.

c. Past Performance & Accomplishments

i. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant But Has Received Other Federal Assistance – While the City has not received EPA Brownfield funding, it has successfully managed and produced strong results with federal grant funding from DOT, HUD, EDA, and other federal agencies. This includes funding awarded to the department that will manage the Brownfield grant:

1. Purpose and Accomplishments

- Management of approximately \$1.1 million annually in HUD CDBG Entitlement Community funding, which has been successfully used for blight removal, community park and recreational facilities, and urban revitalization in Johnstown’s struggling neighborhoods; and
- Johnstown has managed \$6.3 million in HUD HOME Investment Partnership funds, dispersed annually to the City since 1994, and successfully rehabilitated or built 363 affordable housing units.

Compliance with Grant Requirements – Johnstown’s Department of Community and Economic Development continues, each year, to successfully manage its HUD CDBG and HOME grants, with consistent performance according to the annual Johnstown HUD Consolidated Plan and project work plans, no material or significant project or compliance setbacks, and delivery of grant deliverables and performance requirements. Johnstown expends all of these funds on-time and within budget annually.

JOHNSTOWN, PA ASSESSMENT THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Name of Applicant: City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

1. Applicant Eligibility

Founded in 1770, the City of Johnstown is an eligible entity as a unit of local government under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. Letter from State Environmental Authority

Attached is a letter of acknowledgement from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

3. Community Involvement

Johnstown recognizes the key role of community engagement in project success. Representatives from the City of Johnstown, area neighborhood associations, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, Johnstown Area Regional Industries, the Johnstown Redevelopment Agency, the Cambria Industrial Park, Johnstown Area Heritage Association, Lift Johnstown, CamTran, and JWF Industries have already been invited to help the project. Staff will meet regularly with the Steering Committee (initially and at least quarterly thereafter). The Steering Committee will help engage residents and businesses.

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See the Letters of Commitment for partner roles and responsibilities.

4. Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility

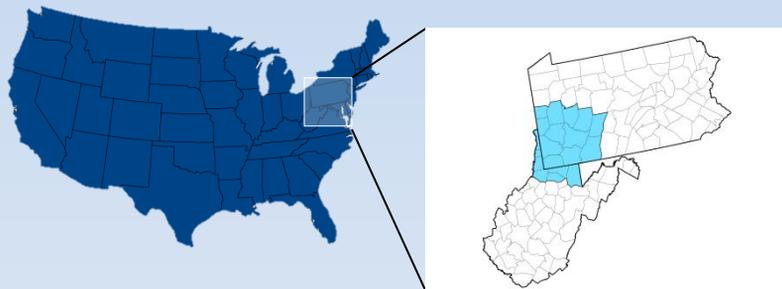
N/A. The City of Johnstown is seeking EPA Community-Wide Assessment funding.

Documentation of Leveraged Funds

Name of Applicant: City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania

1. Johnstown, as part of a coalition of localities in the Pittsburgh region, received an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership designation from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to grow metals and advanced manufacturing.
 - See IMCP/EDA factsheet
 - See ARC press release
2. In 2014, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania awarded Johnstown nearly \$2.0 million in grants to improve critical downtown transportation infrastructure and facilities, including rehabilitation of an historic train station and improvements to the Main Street East Garage.
 - See Pennsylvania list of 2014 grants
 - See news article, “Train Station, Garage Get Big Funding Boost”
 - See press release, “Barbin Announces Grant for Main Street East Parking Garage Rehab”
3. The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies recently received \$200,000 in state funds to create the Entrepreneurial Alchemy Network, designed to help entrepreneurs grow downtown businesses.
 - See press release, “#MakeItInPA: Governor Corbett Announces Funding to Support Collaborative Effort Among Young Entrepreneurs in Johnstown Region”
 - See news article, “Entrepreneurial Program Gets Boost with \$200,000 Grant”
4. Johnstown received \$1.2 million in EDA Public Works to improve Iron Street to support advanced manufacturing and the maker movement.
 - See EDA press release
 - See news article, “Historic Johnstown Building to Get Facelift”
5. The City is participating in the Obama Administration’s Maker Mayors Challenge, which is urging local government leaders to support urban Makerspaces, as well as its My Brother’s Keeper initiative, which seeks to provide employment opportunities for low-income youth.
 - See letter, “Take the ‘Mayors Maker Challenge’”
 - See White House fact sheet, “The White House Launches the ‘My Brother’s Keeper Community Challenge’”

Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership



The Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community

The Community

The Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community (GPMMC) region is the birthplace of American metal manufacturing and includes some of America's leading manufacturing cities in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. GPMMC has historic strengths in metals, strong supplier networks, world class research universities, abundant energy and water, and available brownfields sites. The partnership's 20-county area, spanning Pennsylvania and West Virginia, includes 1636 metal manufacturing establishments that employ over 63,000 people and contributes \$2.1 billion in exports each year. In addition to the standard private sector, academic, and non-profit partners, this community includes support from the United Steel Workers and SMART Labor Unions, which have committed to partner with industry to train workers and engage with minority and underserved populations.

The Vision

The Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community plans to leverage their strengths in metals manufacturing to capitalize on the confluence of advances in new materials, digital technology and energy to re-energize metals manufacturing. The metals sector supports a wide and powerful range of other American manufacturing sectors that are critical to the nation, including aeronautics and aerospace, automotive manufacturing, clean tech, energy infrastructure, robotics, and beyond. The GPPMC consortium hopes to show how "Pittsburgh makes metals and metals make American manufacturing," can lead to the expansion of firms and well-paying jobs in the region.

The Strategy

Workforce and Training: Understanding that an agile and competitive manufacturing workforce is a key component of a vibrant manufacturing ecosystem, the region will implement projects to build their future workforce through recruitment and training. The partnership will facilitate industry-led development of common curriculum for middle-skilled occupations as the foundation for new training programs, promote awareness of employment opportunities among students and parents so that more young people strongly consider careers in manufacturing, ensure that underrepresented and disadvantaged populations and veterans have strong connections to employment opportunities, and expand apprenticeships, internships, and community college offerings for high-skilled, high-wage metal sector jobs through university and college partnerships.

Supplier Networks: GPMMC will facilitate interagency cooperation to expand and enhance business assistance services to increase the competitiveness of firms. They will create direct connections between supplier networks and workforce development programs in a way that addresses industry needs. They also plan to expand business assistance services to supply chain firms for new product development, innovation, and business growth. This will be done by linking businesses to universities through a state funded Manufacturing Innovation Program, and linking innovations to commercialized partners through supply chain mapping and a virtual “Innovation Marketplace.” Global competitiveness will be enhanced through collaboration and productivity improvements, including promoting energy efficiency and sustainability to reduce costs and environmental impacts.

Research and Innovation: The GPMMC region is home to some of the world’s best research universities in the areas of advanced manufacturing and engineering. University research capabilities will be leveraged to advance manufacturing technology, accelerate commercialization and foster manufacturing innovation. The partnership will support entrepreneurship and leverage the Maker Movement by creating spaces such as Hardware Design Centers to foster promising product-oriented innovators and encourage “making” as a viable career option.

Infrastructure and Site Development: To address some of the infrastructure challenges the region faces, the GPMMC will improve transportation access to and from key industrial sites and will redevelop targeted industrial sites to accommodate the infrastructure needs of firms and supply chain companies. They will also implement plans to promote environmental sustainability in the region by focusing on clean and green technologies to improve sites and manufacturing processes. These plans will help attract new business, improve infrastructure, advance clean technologies, and repurpose brownfield sites in close proximity to urban areas.

Trade and International Investment: Regional plans will improve the capacity of supply chain firms to access export markets and attract existing manufacturers to locate in the region. To accomplish this, they will expand Trade Assistance and Market Access Grants and align regional air service with key markets. They will also develop the World Trade Center to integrate regional global marketing services, designate international business accelerators to support investors, and conduct regional asset mapping to link suppliers to new businesses.

Operational Improvement and Capital Access: The region will increase investment funding available for mature and startup firms to spur growth and improve operational capacity and efficiency, including energy efficiency. Economic adjustment and support will diversify coal and defense supply chain members from declining markets, and leverage broadband infrastructure to assist firms in accessing high speed internet tools. They will support business growth through expanded venture capital and regional asset mapping that matches startups to existing firms.

The Partnership

Catalyst Connection is an MEP Center and the lead organization for this consortium which will include a wide array of partners. **City Government:** The City of Pittsburgh and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh; **Community Development Financial Institution:** Bridgeway Capital; **Nonprofits:** Catalyst Connection, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, Innovation Works, and Johnstown Area Regional Industries; **Workforce Investment Board:** Westmoreland Fayette Workforce Investment Board; **Universities:** West Virginia University, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pittsburgh; **Manufacturers:** DMI Companies, JWF Industries; **Economic Development Agencies:** Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Affiliates.



Pittsburgh Manufacturing Community is Selected for Support through National IMCP Competition

July 2015

On July 8, 2015, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced the designation of 12 additional "Manufacturing Communities" across the United States through the administration's [Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership \(IMCP\)](#), an initiative created to help accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing in the United States. The 12 newly designated communities include western Pennsylvania's Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community.

Led by the White House National Economic Council and the U.S. Department of Commerce, the IMCP encourages American communities to develop comprehensive economic development strategies that strengthen their competitive edge in attracting global manufacturers and their supply chains. The partnership brings together the resources of multiple agencies and departments involved in economic development to help communities focus not only on attracting individual investments but also on creating globally competitive environments that grow, retain, and expand manufacturing investment and spur international trade..

The Manufacturing Communities will receive coordinated support for their strategies from 11 federal agencies, including ARC, with more than \$1 billion available in federal economic development assistance.

The Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community [proposes](#) (PDF: 281 KB) to build on the region's historic strengths in metals manufacturing by using innovative technologies like 3D printing, robotics, and advanced materials. In doing so, the region will bring together old and new partners, such as TechShop, Carnegie Mellon University, and the United Steelworkers, who are working to launch an apprenticeship program for workers in manufacturing start-ups. The Manufacturing Community is also creating a supportive ecosystem for start-ups by creating spaces such as hardware design centers to foster promising product-oriented innovators and encourage "making" as a viable career option.

The first 12 Manufacturing Communities—[including the Northwest Georgia Region and the Tennessee Valley](#) in the Appalachian Region—were announced in May 2014. This next phase of the competition doubled the number of IMCP-designated communities across the country. In order to earn the designation, communities had to demonstrate the significance of manufacturing already present in their region and develop strategies to make investments in six areas: 1) workforce and training, 2) advanced research, 3) infrastructure and site development, 4) supply chain support, 5) export promotion, 6) and capital access.

The 12 new Manufacturing Communities were selected by an interagency panel based on the strength of their economic development plans, the potential for impact in their communities, and the depths of their partnerships across the public and private sectors to carry out their plans. The communities are:

1. **The Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community in Pittsburgh, PA; led by Catalyst Connection.**
2. The Alamo Manufacturing Partnership in the San Antonio, TX, metropolitan area; led by the University of Texas at San Antonio.
3. The Louisiana Chemical Corridor stretching from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, LA; led by Louisiana State University.
4. The Madison Regional Economic Partnership (MadREP) in the Madison, WI, region; led by the eponymous nonprofit.
5. The Made in the Mid-South Manufacturing Alliance, spanning five counties surrounding Memphis, TN; led by the Greater Memphis Chamber.
6. The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, leading a five-county region in central Illinois.
7. The Minnesota Medical Manufacturing Partnership in Minneapolis, MN; led by GREATER MSP.
8. The South Central Idaho region; led by the Region IV Development Association in Twin Falls, ID.
9. The Utah Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Initiative in the Wasatch Front region of Utah; led by the University of Utah.
10. The Pacific Northwest Partnership Region in Oregon and southwest Washington; led by Business Oregon.
11. The Connecticut Advanced Manufacturing Communities Region, an eight-county area centered on Hartford, CT; led by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.
12. The Central Valley AgPlus Food and Beverage Manufacturing Consortium in Fresno; led by California State University.

More information on the IMCP is available on the EDA Web site at www.eda.gov/challenges/imcp.

\$1.983 million in Economic Adjustment funds to the Johnstown Business District Development Corporation, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to fund the renovation of a vacant and dilapidated historic building in downtown Johnstown to house the Cambria-Rowe Business College's "App Development" program. This investment will create educational and training opportunities in high technology in the region. This investment is part of a \$2.833 million project that the grantee estimates will create 19 jobs.

<http://www.eda.gov/grants/text.htm>

Listing of Candidates and Selection Results for 2014 Round 1 (FINAL)

Note: The below is a listing of all submissions received for consideration of RACP Grant funding. Projects awarded RACP Grant funding will have a grant amount in the "Grant Amount Awarded" column, while projects not awarded will have "N/A" in the same column. Official letters will be mailed to all Candidates as notification of the selection results.

Candidates with projects that received a RACP Grant Award will receive a letter with guidance on submitting a RACP Application.

Candidates with projects that did not get selected during the current funding round may re-apply in future funding rounds, but are subject to the same RACP Business Plan Submission process, requirements, and guidelines.

Project Name	Beneficiary of Requested Award	County	Municipality	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Amount Awarded	Brief Project Description
Conrad Building Rehabilitation Project	Johnstown Business District Development Corp.	Cambria	City of Johnstown	\$ 1,085,162	\$ -	The rehabilitation and restoration of the historic Conrad Building in downtown Johnstown.
Expansion and Upgrade of YMCA Facility	Greater Johnstown Community YMCA	Cambria	City of Johnstown	\$ 2,376,251	\$ 1,000,000	Expansion and upgrade of the existing YMCA facility, including a youth center addition, a therapeutic pool addition, relocation of entrances, upgrade and replacement of existing facility roof, HVAC, plumbing and electrical, reconfigured parking lot, site improvements, interior and facade upgrades, office additions, and demolition of unused or unneeded existing structures.
Johnstown Flood Museum	Johnstown Area Heritage Association	Cambria	City of Johnstown	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	Renovation, maintenance, modernization and system upgrades to Johnstown Flood Museum, including HVAC and exhibits.

Train station, garage get big funding boost

By Randy Griffith

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Two major downtown Johnstown projects will move forward thanks to \$1.5 million in state funding generated in part by the increased gasoline taxes.

The historic train station that also serves as an Amtrak depot will receive \$848,000. The Main Street East Garage will get \$550,000.

They are among five projects totaling \$7.2 million in transit funding announced Tuesday by PennDOT, along with 86 projects worth \$84 million in Multimodal Transportation Fund Investments under Act 89.

The grants will allow work to proceed on both projects, local leaders say.

The train station is owned by the Johnstown Area Heritage Association. Executive Director Richard Burkert said the organization is ready to launch plans for a major renovation that will include a new visitor center in the train station waiting area.

“This is really an important community asset,” Burkert said. “This is good news.

“We’ve been seeking funding for that facility for two years.”

Plans include an event venue and visitor center in the larger waiting room, providing a sending-off point for tourists visiting Johnstown.

The passenger train service operation will be enhanced with an additional investment by Amtrak, Burkert said.

“Keeping rail service alive in Johnstown is going to be very important down the road,” Burkert said.

Johnstown Mayor Frank Janakovic said the \$550,000 represents the final piece of funding for the East Main Street parking garage restoration.

“That will allow us to complete the entire project,” Janakovic said. “Without that money, we would have had to down-scale.”

“As Democratic chair, I worked to make sure that multimodal and transit funding was a part of the transportation financing plan we approved,” said state Sen. John Wozniak, D-Westmont.

“We need to not only address road and bridge projects, but we must also attend to transit initiatives that serve the area.

“Improving our regional transit facilities improves our region’s quality of life and makes it more marketable and attractive to businesses.”

The 86 projects in 35 counties across the state address safety and mobility improvements, PennDOT Secretary Barry J. Schoch said in a press release.

“All types of transportation drive our economy, and Act 89 gave us the tools to ensure our non-highway modes receive the funding they need to maintain a connected transportation system,” Schoch said. “These are vital investments that underscore Gov. (Tom) Corbett’s dedication to improving transportation in communities across the state.”

Other projects funded include:

Jennerstown Borough – \$261,067 to install sidewalks and provide handicap access along Route 30.

Conemaugh Health System – \$11,194 for transportation improvements for a proposed medical office building along Business Route 219 near Meyersdale.

Bedford County Airport Authority – \$1.2 million for a maintenance hangar, office complex, parking and an aircraft apron.

http://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/train-station-garage-get-big-funding-boost/article_4bc695ec-5f1c-11e4-9b95-a7320eefb7ad.html

Barbin announces grant for Main Street East parking garage rehab

Rep. Bryan Barbin *September 9, 2014*

JOHNSTOWN, Sept. 9 – State Rep. Bryan Barbin, D-Cambria, announced today the approval of \$600,000 in state grant money to renovate Johnstown's Main Street East Parking Garage.

The Commonwealth Financing Authority authorized the money to improve multi-use public transportation projects across the state, in this case improvements to the facility that houses the CamTran Transit Center, Greyhound Lines and three floors of commercial office space.

The downtown project will consist of renovations to the concrete decking, other masonry repairs and sealing of the six-deck, steel-framed parking garage. According to the grant application, the repairs will "greatly extend" the life of the structure.

"I'm happy to relate that with this infusion of grant money, future development in and around the transit center will lend strongly to future growth and the quality of life of commuters in Johnstown," Barbin said. "I look forward to working on more projects that put Johnstown on a path to prosperity."

<http://www.pahouse.com/Barbin/InTheNews/NewsRelease/?id=50097>

#MakeltInPA: Governor Corbett Announces Funding to Support Collaborative Effort Among Young Entrepreneurs in Johnstown Region

News for Immediate Release - Oct. 31, 2014

Harrisburg – Continuing to advance his JOBS1st PA initiative, Governor Tom Corbett today announced that the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) awarded a \$200,000 Discovered in PA – Developed in PA (D2PA) grant to help The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies develop the Entrepreneurial Alchemy Network designed to encourage and develop both young and mid-career entrepreneurs.

“We are providing opportunities for our students and entrepreneurs to access education and programs to help their ideas take flight,” Gov. Corbett said. “Our partnership with The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies can seed local innovation by providing our entrepreneurs with the tools they need to launch and grow their companies in Pennsylvania.”

In order to retain and attract young and professional talent to the region, the Entrepreneurial Alchemy Network will collaborate with a newly organized regional Alumni Network and Start Right Factory. The partnership will develop a robust talent pipeline in the greater Johnstown region by partnering students and aspiring mid-career entrepreneurs with already successful entrepreneurs and professionals.

The Network will work with students and aspiring entrepreneurs of all ages and levels together with business mentors identifying potential investment opportunities through a series of meetings, workshops and pitchfests designed to catalyze entrepreneurship, wealth creation and job growth in the Greater Johnstown region.

Funding will be used with the ultimate goal of creating a high-functioning community entrepreneurial network and talent pipeline, an active alumni network and database that will expand local entrepreneurial investments and business activity and include ongoing links to university connected intellectual property and technology transfer commercialization for the creation of six newly organized technology-based companies over the next two years.

“We are off and running with this initiative because of the great community interest, local partners and excellent facilitation,” said Community Foundation president Mike Kane. “The Commonwealth’s partnership in this allows it to move forward so quickly.”

D2PA was established by Gov. Corbett in 2011 to build capacity to support Pennsylvania businesses and to spur creativity and innovation in the provision of economic development services. Last fiscal year, the D2PA program supported initiatives tied to growing the life sciences, advanced manufacturing, business incubators, and education, workforce and economic opportunity collaborations.

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Entrepreneurial program gets boost with \$200,000 grant

By Dave Sutor

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Entrepreneurial Alchemy Network is about to get a major financial boost from the state.

The fledgling regional consortium, which includes the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, recently learned it will receive a \$200,000 grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Discovered in PA – Developed in PA program. The program is designed to spur economic advancement and creativity.

“We are providing opportunities for our students and entrepreneurs to access education and programs to help their ideas take flight,” Gov. Tom Corbett, a Republican, said.

“Our partnership with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies can seed local innovation by providing our entrepreneurs with the tools they need to launch and grow their companies in Pennsylvania.”

The alchemy's goal is to help students and young entrepreneurs create economic development in the Johnstown region.

“We are off and running with this initiative because of the great community interest, local partners and excellent facilitation,” Mike Kane, the foundation's president, said.

“The commonwealth's partnership in this allows it to move forward so quickly.”

Several individuals and organizations, including the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and Johnstown Area Regional Industries, are involved in the network.

“It's a broad and developing economic ecosystem in the region that has many moving parts and many important players in it,” Ray Wrabley, a UPJ political science professor, said.

http://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/entrepreneurial-program-gets-boost-with-grant/article_49d6de32-66eb-11e4-a8b2-a7f74dce17ce.html?mode=print

Historic Johnstown building may get face-lift

By Dave Sutor

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One of downtown Johnstown's oldest and most historic structures soon may be reborn.

The Conrad Building, located at 301 Franklin St., will soon be renovated thanks to a \$1.983 million federal grant. When work is completed, Cambria-Rowe Business College expects to lease the triangular-shaped Romanesque building, constructed circa 1900, from Johnstown Business District Development Corp., which currently has an option to purchase it.

The school wants to use the facility to house its Web development and app development programs, along with offering office space to start-up businesses opened by graduates. "This is wonderful news for our community," said Mike Kane, president of the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, which helped secure the money.

A corner of the Conrad Building's roof crumbled and fell into the Stonycreek River in 2006. That state of disrepair can still be seen by those entering the downtown across the Franklin Street Bridge. In 2008, business partners Craig Bachik and Renee Regal of Harrisburg, operating as 303 Franklin Street LP, told The Tribune-Democrat they planned to invest up to \$2 million in the Conrad.

Bachik said a temporary roof was installed to protect the interior. And "while the canopy has fallen into the river, the building is actually structurally sound," he said. Earlier that year, Johnstown City Council members threatened legal action against their own attorney, Joseph Green, who was listed as president of a group that then owned the Conrad. Council said the building was unsafe and violated several city codes, while Green said he was trying to sell the structure.

The sale to Bachik's group seemed to signal better days for the Conrad. But in 2010, the city condemned the building.

Even then, Bachik predicted the Conrad someday would be "a major asset to the revitalization downtown," Tribune-Democrat archives show.

Cambria-Rowe hopes to use the facility as an entrepreneurial incubator that could lead to growth in local small business.

"The Conrad, I think, is a great launching pad for the people to start careers," Cambria-Rowe CEO Mike Artim said.

Johnstown Mayor Frank Janakovic said: "It will create an atmosphere for young students to get together and brainstorm." It could also help revitalize the neighborhood.

“We’re hoping that this spurs additional development in downtown,” said Brandon Carson, a director for planning and community development with Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission.

Several organizations and individuals worked together to secure the funding, including U.S. Sens. Pat Toomey and Bob Casey Jr., Johnstown city government officials, the JBDDC, Cambria-Rowe, SAP&DC, Cambria County representatives and the CFA. “This shows when everybody pushes in the same direction we can do great things,” Kane said.

The grant was awarded through the U.S. Economic Development Administration. “I was pleased to support the Johnstown Business District Development Corporation’s EDA grant application,” Toomey said. “The community will now be able to renovate a dilapidated historic site downtown and establish a high-tech academic program offered by Cambria-Rowe Business College. The program will create new jobs and enhance educational options in the area.”

Total cost of the project’s main phase is expected to reach \$2.833 million, with money also coming from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies’ Penelec Sustainable Energy Fund and Johnstown’s revolving loan fund.

Plans call for remodeling of the building to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification standards. The parties still hope to secure state funding to further develop the property beyond the initial work.

http://www.tribdem.com/news/historic-johnstown-building-may-get-face-lift/article_b14f8ba6-439e-11e4-be2f-8be338f5b834.html?mode=print

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PRESS RELEASE

Manufacturing Gets a Boost in Johnstown, Pennsylvania with \$1.2 Million U.S. Commerce Department Grant

August 24, 2011**Contact: John Atwood, (202) 482-4085**

WASHINGTON - Acting U.S. Commerce Secretary Dr. Rebecca Blank today announced a \$1.2 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority of Johnstown, Pa., to make infrastructure improvements that will support development of the Rosedale Business Park. Joint Ammunition and Technology, Inc., a manufacturer of both consumer and military munitions, has committed to opening operations at the Park and is expected to create 240 new jobs and generate \$14 million in private investment, according to grantee estimates.

"The Commerce Department and the Obama administration are working diligently to bring jobs and economic growth to local communities," Blank said. "This EDA grant will support a new manufacturing facility in Johnstown and help attract new businesses and jobs to the region by providing critical infrastructure improvements needed to build the Rosedale Business Park."

Joint Ammunition and Technology will open a 36,000-sq.-ft., state-of-the-art facility in the business park that is also expected to catalyze additional private investment. EDA funding will help to advance critical excavation and grading, and build water, sewer, and utility infrastructure for the park, which is being built on a fully remediated brownfield site previously owned by Bethlehem Steel.

About the U.S. Economic Development Administration:

The mission of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting competitiveness and preparing the nation's regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. An agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA makes investments in economically distressed communities in order to create jobs for U.S. workers, promote American innovation and accelerate long-term sustainable economic growth.

May 19, 2014

Take the “Mayors Maker Challenge”

Ladies and Gentlemen Mayors:

We write to challenge you to become a “Maker Mayor” and to promote the emerging Maker Movement, as part of a larger strategy to boost American manufacturing, give students the opportunity for hands-on STEM learning, and support more entrepreneurship in local communities. With this letter, we are launching the “Mayors Maker Challenge”, and seeking to recruit dozens of Maker Mayors by June 12, 2014. We commence this Challenge by writing you, because you and your community are already recognized for innovation in manufacturing and support for the Maker Movement.

Manufacturing is making a comeback in communities across America, and innovation is helping drive our economy. Part of the momentum in manufacturing is the “Maker Movement,” which promotes locally-driven efforts to convene inventors with innovative technology tools to drive progress in manufacturing, engineering, industrial design, hardware technology, and education. In recent years, communities across the country have benefitted from the democratization of the tools needed to design and make just about anything. More Americans have access to 21st century tools such as 3D printers and scanners, computer-aided design software, laser cutters, and computer-numerically controlled machine tools. Hundreds of thousands of entrepreneurs, students and families are participating in Maker Faires, and expert Makers and a variety of organizations are promoting new innovations. Companies, libraries, museums, universities, schools, philanthropists and community-based organizations are investing in for-profit and non-profit makerspaces. Labor unions are creating apprenticeship programs in digital manufacturing. Expert Makers are “passing it on” by serving as mentors for young Makers. These grassroots efforts are empowering Americans – young and old – to become the producers of things, not just consumers of things.

As mayors, you can be a part of this exciting Maker Movement, which has the potential to provide great benefits to your communities. *Cities need makers*, because manufacturing and technological innovation are driving economic growth, creating jobs, promoting new collaborations, inspiring youth and reinvigorating STEM education. Cities that seek to thrive in the advanced manufacturing economy of the 21st century need to harness these opportunities.

Likewise, *makers need cities* and the leadership of mayors, to convene stakeholders to support maker innovation, provide makerspaces, tailor education and job training to support makers, support maker approaches in local incubators and accelerators, provide sites for promising technologies to grow into businesses, and help small businesses understand how they can harness local/state/federal/other resources to support growth of their technological and manufacturing enterprises.

Leaders at all levels are noticing the potential of the Maker Movement. In mid-June 2014, the White House is holding its first-ever “White House Maker Faire” to highlight the power of this movement and how it can contribute to advancing American manufacturing, education and entrepreneurship. See www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/02/03/announcing-first-white-house-maker-faire. The White House has also put out a call for inventions, projects and products that potentially could be part of the White House Maker Faire. We invite you to reach out to your Maker community to submit their ideas at www.whitehouse.gov/webform/white-house-makerfaire-interest-form.

But we know that that there is much more we can do – and that is why we have joined together to launch the “Mayors Maker Challenge”, which seeks to recruit mayors across America like you, to help build the Maker Movement in your own communities and beyond. Between now and June 12, 2014, we will conduct a one-month campaign to recruit a powerful coalition of mayors to take this challenge and become “Maker Mayors”. To take the Challenge, you must make a public pledge to take one or more of the actions below during 2014 aimed at boosting and supporting the Maker Movement; submit that maker pledge to the Manufacturing Alliance of Communities by June 12; be willing to let us publicize your participation; and work with us to provide a short note on your progress at the end of 2014, so that we can issue a national report on the actions mayors and communities are taking to fulfill their pledges. To take the Challenge, simply fill in the short Mayor’s Maker Pledge online at www.ManufacturingAlliance.us/Challenge.

Here are key “Maker Moves” that you can take in 2014 to be part of the Mayors Maker Challenge:

- 1.) ***Maker Roundtable:*** Host a roundtable in your community that convenes partners and helps catalyze public and private commitments that will strengthen the local Maker movement.
- 2.) ***Maker Faire:*** Help celebrate the ingenuity and creativity of local Makers by holding or participating in a Maker Faire event, which convenes stakeholders to promote innovative technology ideas. See www.MakerFaire.com.
- 3.) ***Maker Liaison:*** Designate a Maker liaison in the mayor’s office or economic development department.
- 4.) ***Makerspaces:*** Host or help in the creation or growth of maker spaces in local incubators, accelerators, educational institutions, under-utilized buildings, and/or design-production districts, which can broaden access to tools needed for design, prototyping, manufacturing, and the growth of small business enterprises that are building new manufacturing and innovation technologies.
- 5.) ***Maker Manual:*** Issue a “Maker Manual” to explain the importance of the Maker Movement in your community, and to identify resources and incentives at local, regional, state and national levels that can support makers and small businesses seeking to grow their technology and manufacturing innovations.
- 6.) ***Make a Strategy for Education, Training & Workforce Development:*** Commit to working with your school district, libraries, museums, after-school providers, community colleges and universities, workforce investment boards, and job training organizations to give more students access to age-appropriate makerspaces and mentorship, and focus more education and training programs on the emerging fields of advanced manufacturing and technology innovation.
- 7.) ***Maker Business Development:*** Upgrade your economic and business development programs, incentives and services to provide support to manufacturing entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- 8.) ***Maker Best Practices:*** Lead or participate in local efforts to identify, document and share “promising practices” in manufacturing and technological innovation so that others in your community and beyond can learn from local experimentation.
- 9.) ***Maker Support in Struggling Neighborhoods:*** Support initiatives to engage and support students, entrepreneurs and small businesses in under-served neighborhoods.
- 10.) ***Make It Even Better:*** Your community may have even more innovative strategies for promoting the Maker Movement. Make that part of your Challenge pledge and share the strategy with others!

The White House will host a national conference call of mayors from across America on Monday, May 19 at 2PM Eastern to explain the Mayors Maker Challenge and encourage you to be a part of this endeavor. To participate in that conference call, send an email with your contact information to [Randy J Paris@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:Randy.J.Paris@ostp.eop.gov).

American cities have tremendous opportunity now to boost the expansion of manufacturing, technological innovation, education, job creation, and community revitalization. One great way to do that is to support the emerging Maker Movement in your own community and beyond. We challenge you to become a “Maker Mayor” in the coming month.

Please contact Matt Ward at Challenge@StrategiesDC.com with any questions. On behalf of all of the undersigned mayors below, thank you for your leadership on these issues and for rising to the challenge.

Sincerely,



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Flint, MI
Chair, Manufacturing Alliance of Communities

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September 30, 2014

FACT SHEET: The White House Launches the “My Brother’s Keeper Community Challenge”

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In February, President Obama launched the My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) initiative to ensure that all youth, including boys and young men of color, have opportunities to improve their life outcomes and overcome barriers to success. As part of that launch, the President also established the My Brother’s Keeper Task Force (Task Force) to review public and private sector programs, policies, and strategies, and determine ways the Federal Government can better support these efforts. The Task Force was also charged with determining how to better involve State and local officials, the private sector, and the philanthropic community. In late May, the Task Force released its 90-day interim progress report, which identified a set of recommendations and a blueprint for action for government, business, non-profit, philanthropic, faith, and community partners.

Since the launch of MBK, the Task Force has met with and heard from thousands of Americans, through online and in-person listening sessions, who are already taking action. In June, responding to their commitment announced at the MBK launch, eleven of the nation’s leading philanthropies announced \$194 million in independent incremental investments in organizations and initiatives, including programs to enhance school learning environments and reduce young people’s interaction with the justice system. In July, President Obama announced new independent commitments by businesses and nonprofits representing more than \$100 million dollars and pledges of support from educators, business leaders, athletes, and mayors aimed at addressing some of the report’s recommendations. Also in July, the National Convening Council (NCC) was launched as an independent private sector initiative bringing together leaders from business, philanthropy and the faith, youth, Tribal, local, and nonprofit communities.

On September 27th, the President announced that more than 100 mayors, county officials and tribal

nations (full list below) have already accepted the “My Brother’s Keeper Community Challenge” (“MBK Community Challenge” or “Challenge”), the next step in organizing and building upon the work of community leaders to improve outcomes for youth in America.

MBK Community Challenge

Today, the White House announced the MBK Community Challenge, an effort to encourage communities (cities, counties, suburbs, rural municipalities, and tribal nations) to implement a coherent cradle-to-college and career strategy aimed at improving life outcomes for all young people, consistent with the goals and recommendations of the Task Force’s May report, to ensure that all youth can achieve their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born. The Challenge is not a new federal program, but rather a call to action for leaders of communities across the Nation to build and execute comprehensive strategies that ensure:

- All children enter school cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally prepared;
- All children read at grade level by third grade;
- All young people graduate from high school;
- All young people complete post-secondary education or training;
- All youth out of school are employed; and
- All young people are safe from violent crime.

The Task Force also identified a set of “cross cutting” areas, among them the importance of caring adults being present and active in the lives of children, hence the emphasis placed on mentoring.

The Challenge calls upon mayors, Tribal leaders, town and county executives, encouraging them to take the following steps: within 45 days of accepting the Challenge, local communities convene a Local Action Summit with key public and private sector stakeholders to assess needs, determine priorities, and decide what combination of the above objectives they will tackle; within six months of accepting the Challenge, communities publicly launch a plan of action for accomplishing their goals, which will include a protocol for tracking data, benchmarks for tracking progress, and a blueprint for how the community will resource its efforts.

The White House, the U.S. Department of Education, and the NCC are launching the Challenge. The NCC will provide communities with resources to support their local planning process, assisting them in developing successful strategies for action and tracking their progress. More information, including how local executives can sign up for the Challenge, is available at www.MBKChallenge.org.

Additionally, the Federal government has recently announced a number of programs that address recommendations in the My Brother’s Keeper Task Force progress report. For example, the **Department of Justice** announced a \$4.75 million initiative to invest in training, evidence-based strategies, policy development and research to build trust and strengthen the relationship between law enforcement, and the communities they serve, and through the Smart on Juvenile Justice initiative, awarded \$2 million in three grants which provide training, technical assistance and education to improve the quality of services, end racial and ethnic disparities, and encourage reforms in juvenile justice systems. The **Department of Education** awarded more than \$57 million in grants focused on improving school climates and keeping students safe. And in September, the **Departments of Justice and Housing and Urban Development** announced a collaboration between HUD-funded organizations, and civil legal aid programs and public defender offices, to focus on expunging and sealing juvenile records – improving the chances that reentering youth will be able to obtain degrees, find work, and secure housing.

Information on previous independent private sector commitments can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/07/21/fact-sheet-president-obama-applauds-new-commitments-support-my-brother-s>.

MBK Community Challenge Early Acceptors

Localities

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Albuquerque, NM		Rochester, NY
Alleghany County, PA	Holyoke, MA	Sacramento, CA
Anniston, AL	Houston, TX	Saint Joseph, LA
Atlanta, GA	Huntington, WV	Salt Lake City, UT
Atlantic City, NJ	Indianapolis, IN	San Antonio, TX
Augusta, GA	Ithaca, NY	San Francisco, CA
Baton Rouge, LA	Jacksonville, FL	Santa Ana, CA
Beaverton, OR	Jersey City, NJ	Santa Fe, NM
Birmingham, AL	Johnstown, PA	Savannah, GA
Boston, MA	Kansas City, KS	Seattle, WA
Bridgeport, CT	Kansas City, MO	Shreveport, LA
Brooklyn Park, MN	Knoxville, TN	Southfield, MI
Buffalo, NY	Lansing, MI	St. Louis, MO
Caddo Parish, LA	Laredo, TX	St. Paul, MN
Carlisle, PA	Las Vegas, NV	Syracuse, NY
Charleston, SC	Little Rock, AR	Tacoma, WA
Charles Town, WV	Long Beach, CA	Tallahassee, FL
Charlottesville, VA	Los Angeles, CA	Tampa, FL
Chattanooga, TN	Louisville, KY	Tucson, AZ
Chicago, IL	Macon, GA	Village of Phoenix, IL
Cleveland, OH	Madison, WI	Washington, D.C
Columbia, SC	Massillon, OH	
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Compton, CA	Milwaukee, WI	<u>Tribal Nations</u>
Cook County, IL	Minneapolis, MN	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (CA)
Culver City, CA	Mount Rainier, MD	Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (AK)
Dallas County, TX	New Haven, CT	
Dayton, OH	New Orleans, LA	Cherokee Nation (OK)
DeKalb County, GA	New York, NY	
Denver, CO	Newark, NJ	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (SD)
Des Moines, IA	Newton, MA	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (MN)
Detroit, MI	Niagara Falls, NY	
Dubuque, IA	Normandy, MO	
	North Chicago, IL	Hoonah Indian Association (AK)
	Oak Creek, WI	

DuPage County, IL	Oakland, CA	Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation (CT)
Durham, NC	Orlando, FL	
Edinburg, TX	Palm Beach County, FL	Navajo Nation (AZ, NM, UT)
Elkhart, IN	Philadelphia, PA	Oneida Nation of Wisconsin (WI)
Fairmount Heights, MD	Phoenix, AZ	
Ferguson, MO	Pittsburgh, PA	Pawnee Nation (OK)
Flint, MI	Portland, ME	Round Valley Indian Tribes (CA)
Forest Heights, MD	Portland, OR	
Fort Wayne, IN	Prairie View, TX	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (MI)
Fort Worth, TX	Prince George's County, MD	
Fulton County, GA	Prichard, AL	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe (SD, ND)
Gary, IN	Princeton, NJ	
Harrisburg, PA	Providence, RI	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (ND, SD)
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Hempstead, NY	Rialto, CA	Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (WA)
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

December 15, 2015

Ms. Renee Daly
Director of Economic Development
City of Johnstown
401 Main Street
Johnstown, PA 15901

Dear Ms. Daly:

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to support your efforts to redevelop brownfield properties in your community. Returning such environmentally challenged and underutilized land and buildings to productive use improves our environment, safeguards our residents, and helps boost Pennsylvania's economy.

The DEP supports the City of Johnstown's application for U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment grant funding for \$400,000 to address hazardous waste and petroleum contamination in Johnstown's central business district and historic industrial neighborhoods. The EPA grant will be used to identify brownfield sites, engage the public and key stakeholders, conduct environmental assessments and investigations, and conduct urban redevelopment plan activities. The City's efforts to re-examine the redevelopment potential of aggregated, underutilized sites to create renewed neighborhoods and business districts in Pennsylvania is a worthwhile endeavor.

Both PA DEP Central Office and Regional Staff in the Land Recycling Program look forward to supporting the City of Johnstown and U.S. EPA Region 3 on this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Randy Roush by email at raroush@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.787.4941.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Hartenstein".

George Hartenstein
Bureau Director

City of Johnstown – EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE ALLEGHENIES

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

My organization's mission is to serve the best interests of our donors in perpetuating their philanthropic interest in financially supporting our community, using the Foundation's integrity, accountability, and community knowledge. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields, because it aligns with our involvement in the Johnstown 2025 initiative to regenerate the Johnstown business district. For more information on Vision 2025 visit their website: <http://johnstown25.com>

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. My organization plans to contribute to this project in one or more of the following ways:

- Serve on the Johnstown Brownfields Task Force
- Assist Johnstown with public outreach activities, contacting various stakeholder and citizen groups, providing informational materials, and/or hosting/facilitating outreach events
- Provide research, planning and/or technical assistance to Johnstown
- Promote the purchase and reuse of brownfield properties
- Promote the expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown's brownfields

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

Mike Kane
Executive Director



December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of the Discover Downtown Johnstown Partnership to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

My organization is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that consists of business leaders and owners actively working on several initiatives focused on making Downtown Johnstown a more inviting place to welcome and attract customers, businesses, residents, and investors. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields, because on a yearly basis we host several events that bring people into the city. This year, our group raised over \$80,000 to purchase a 40 foot tall, LED lit Christmas Tree for Central Park. The tree is animated and synchronized to Christmas carols. During the week, we average over 100 visitors per night to Central Park. On the weekends, we average over 300 people per night. The increased traffic in the Central Business District has been phenomenal since the tree was lit. It is our hope that more community initiatives like this will drive people into Downtown. Revitalized brownfield areas are key to that success.

Discover Downtown Johnstown Partnership is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. Our group is followed heavily through our website and social media channels as promoters of the positive changes going on in the City. We can assist with public outreach and can promote the reuse of brownfield sites to our followers. Together we will encourage our community to shop, dine, and explore Downtown Johnstown.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

Melissa C. Radovanic
President, Discover Downtown Johnstown Partnership

GREATER JOHNSTOWN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Michael Barletta
Crown American Corporation

Mr. John Boderocco
H. F. Lenz Company

Mr. John Buchan, Jr.
Interstate Insurance Management

Mr. Anthony Caper
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The EADS Group

Mr. Kevin Volk
Northwest Savings Bank

Mr. Glenn Wilson
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Mr. Gregory Winger
First National Bank of PA

Dr. Gerald Zahorchak
Greater Johnstown School District

Father Gabriel Zeis
St. Francis University

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
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Brownfields Cleanup and Revitalization
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Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. EPA

In Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

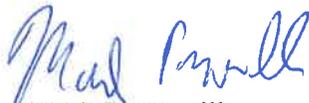
On behalf of the Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership (GJRP), we would like to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

Our membership consists of business leadership, economic development professionals, city and county leaders, and academia with the goal of supporting economic development and the quality of life in the region. EPA Brownfields Assessment funding and subsequent reuse of brownfield sites would be a great benefit in meeting these goals and to transform Johnstown into a thriving community.

The GJRP is committed to helping the Johnstown region make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. Our organization promotes the purchase and reuse of brownfield properties and seeks to promote the expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown's brownfields.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,


Mark Pasquerilla
President

JOHNSTOWN HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT FUND
538 Park Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902

December 17, 2015

Mr. Donald R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of Johnstown Heritage Development Fund (dba Moxham Renaissance) to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

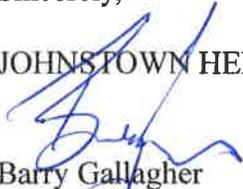
My organization, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, exists to maintain, preserve, and enhance our community, its livability and its historic significance. Our objective is work towards creating jobs, tourism, and preserving our heritage through brownfields revitalization. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields because this will invigorate our economy and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Johnstown Heritage Development Fund is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. We would be willing to serve on the Johnstown Brownfields Task Force, help the City identify brownfield sites to be selected for assessment and aid in any way the City feels we would be constructive to help them reach their goal.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the City's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

JOHNSTOWN HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT FUND



Barry Gallagher
Vice-President

BG:jt



LIFT JOHNSTOWN

245 Market St, Ste 100
Johnstown, PA 15901

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd, Director
Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of Lift Johnstown to express our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application of the City of Johnstown. With various community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its Downtown and other neighborhoods, and transform these sites to create jobs through manufacturing and tourism, and create parks and other community benefits.

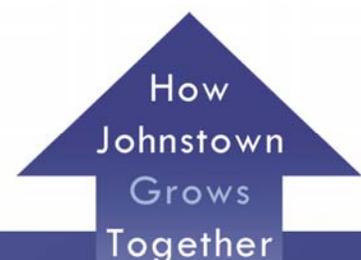
Lift Johnstown is a highly collaborative effort that supports various projects to re-invent Johnstown as a vibrant small city. Organizations with which Lift Johnstown partners have been involved with several brownfield sites, acquiring a scenic gateway to Conemaugh Gap for a park and a historic downtown property for re-use as an education center. With Johnstown's long industrial history, we critically need to actively redevelop brownfields.

Lift Johnstown can help with these efforts by partnering with and promoting brownfield redevelopment projects and helping with public outreach to our e-mail list of several thousand people.

We urge EPA to join with a partnership of public and non-profit organizations to turn blight into community assets supporting our sustainable redevelopment. Thanks for your help to ensure that this project obtains EPA grant assistance.

Sincerely,

Brad Clemenson, Coordinator





CAMBRIA COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Cambria County Transit Authority (CamTran) to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The City has a commitment mix of community partners that intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

CamTran is the transportation coordinator in Cambria County providing public transportation throughout the County with almost 1.2 million riders annually. We support Johnstown’s effort to revitalize brownfields because CamTran has previously been the beneficiary of brownfield funds. These funds were used in 2014 when we constructed our new operations and maintenance facility on a brownfield site in the City’s Woodvale neighborhood. Thus, we have seen first-hand what a new building in an old run down section of town can do for the neighborhood. (See Attachment.) It has provided a much needed boost to the neighborhood and the community has shown tremendous support and it has reenergized Woodvale. In addition, CamTran’s old operations and maintenance facility was built in 1893; the original trolley car barns. We plan to sell this property located in the Moxham neighborhood of the City. This property has been identified by the City as eligible for the Brownfield program.

CamTran is committed to helping the City make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. From our past experience, we know that the availability of brownfield funds will have a major positive influence in the revitalization of the neighborhoods in the City of Johnstown. Therefore, we are committed to paying forward the experience that we have had with a brownfield site and assist in any way that the City deems fit to implement a new brownfield program in the City.

CamTran’s new operations and maintenance facility is a shining example of the successful transformation of a brownfield site that has shown everyone what can be done to improve a part of the City that had been written off! Therefore, CamTran fully supports the city’s effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown’s brownfields application.

Sincerely,


Rose M. Lucey-Noll
Executive Director

Attachment

CAMTRAN- NEW FACILITY SITE -WOODVALE SITE PRE-CONSTRUCTION



CAMTRAN- NEW FACILITY SITE -WOODVALE SITE POST-CONSTRUCTION



CAMTRAN NEW FACILITY DEDICATION





December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of the Catalyst Connection to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

Catalyst Connection is an economic development organization dedicated to serving small manufacturers improve their business, compete globally and create jobs. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields, because we want to create high quality industrial spaces for manufacturing growth and expansion. As existing companies find new business and foreign owned companies seek US locations, we want to the Johnstown community to be their top choice. Catalyst Connection conveys here that the City of Johnstown is a partner in the Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Coalition which we manage, under the Obama Administration's "Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership" (IMCP) program. Johnstown's efforts to transform idled brownfields into spaces for new and expanded metals manufacturing is highly consistent with our IMCP effort.

Catalyst Connection is committed to helping the Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. We are will and able to support this initiative by:

- Assisting Johnstown with public outreach activities, contacting various stakeholder and citizen groups, providing informational materials, and/or hosting/facilitating outreach events
- Promoting expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown's brownfields, consistent with our IMCP

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

Petra Mitchell
President and CEO
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**COUNTY OF GREENE
DEPARTMENT OF
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December 17, 2015

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Director David R. Lloyd
Brownfields Cleanup & Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of the Greene County PA Department of Economic Development to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

My organization is a planning and economic development agency focused on building our local and regional tax base by diversifying the economy and workforce in metals and advanced materials manufacturing. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields, because that's a critical component of our shared strategy to address the current industrial decline associated with coal, coal-fired power and other extractive industries. The City of Johnstown and Greene County share the same manufacturing supply chain footprint, although from opposite sides of this 11,000 square mile, 20 county region. Johnstown and Greene County are currently working together on strategies to integrate our economic development and workforce systems through innovation and modernization to create 30,000 manufacturing jobs in the next decade. Both communities have long shared a strong base economy in the extractive industries that began over one hundred fifty years ago. Now, we are jointly ramping up all diversification efforts, seeking emerging technologies and revitalizing existing brownfields, to prepare our communities for the future of manufacturing. Johnstown is a leading strategic partner in Greene County's POWER PA-WV *Connect* project, which is currently under consideration at the US Economic Development Administration and the White House.

Greene County Department of Economic Development is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. As part of the POWER PA-WV *Connect* Strategic Planning process, we are committed to assist in:

- public outreach activities, contacting various stakeholder and citizen groups, providing informational materials, and/or hosting/facilitating outreach events and,
- planning and promoting the expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown's brownfields

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

Ms. Robbie Matesic

CORNERSTONE OF THE KEYSTONE STATE

Charles J. Morris, Chairman • Archie Trader, Commissioner • Blair Zimmerman, Commissioner



Growing Your Region

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of JARI to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

JARI is the leading economic development organization in the Johnstown region whose mission is to grow a diverse economy and build vibrant communities in the Cambria/Somerset region. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields, because the brownfields assessment and subsequent reuse of brownfields will create new opportunities for the region including the potential for family-sustaining jobs.

JARI is committed to helping the Johnstown region make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. JARI staff currently works closely with City of Johnstown officials and in this instance, will promote the purchase and reuse of brownfield properties and seek to promote the expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown's brownfields.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda".

Linda R. Thomson
President

Johnstown Redevelopment Authority

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December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd, Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land
Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RE: Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle,

On behalf of the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (JRA) I would like to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in the central business district and other City neighborhoods, creating job opportunities and transforming them into advanced technology manufacturing, heritage-tourism, recreation, entertainment and other community assets.

JRA has been involved in various successful Brownfields projects over the past two decades, repurposing former industrial sites into the Rosedale Business Park that currently sustains hundreds of jobs, the Cambria County Transit Authority's Maintenance and Operations Facility, the expanded Greater Johnstown High School Complex, an entertainment venue known as PNG Park and the Conemaugh Medical Park. We support City of Johnstown's efforts to continue the tradition of revitalization of Brownfields. In this regard, JRA is committed to help the City continue to assess and return Brownfield properties to sustainable uses by serving on the Johnstown Brownfields Task Force and by assisting the City identify Brownfield sites to be selected for assessment.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the City's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's Brownfields application.

Sincerely,



Francis G. D'Etto
Acting Executive Director

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission (SAP&DC) to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods to transform them into locations that support: advanced manufacturing, heritage and tourism, parks and community facilities, and additional job opportunities.

My organization is a regional, non-profit economic and community development planning commission serving Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset Counties. We support the City's efforts to assess and revitalize brownfields because these initiatives help address critical tax base issues in a severely economically distressed community of Cambria County, and contribute to the City's economic revitalization plans, while responding to existing environmental issues. In addition, our organization's planning initiatives are guided by a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which analyzes existing socio-demographic, land use, transportation, housing, and environmental conditions in order to target future investments for diversifying and strengthening the regional economy. Several of the goals and objectives set forth by the current CEDS directly support regional efforts to redevelop and revitalize brownfield sites across the Southern Alleghenies Region, as such efforts serve to improve the appearance, livability, and economic viability of our communities.

SAP&DC is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable and economically viable uses. SAP&DC hopes to support the City of Johnstown in these efforts by:

- Potentially serving on the Johnstown Brownfields Task Force
- Assisting the City of Johnstown with public outreach activities;
 - a. Contacting various stakeholder and citizen groups,

- b. Providing informational materials, and/or hosting and facilitating outreach events regarding the assessment and redevelopment of brownfield sites
- Providing research, planning and/or technical assistance to the City of Johnstown
- Promoting the expansion of advanced manufacturing activities on Johnstown's brownfields

Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the City's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to the City's progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,



Steven K. Howsare
Executive Director
SAP&DC

December 17, 2015

CTC/EJS-EL0013-15

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

SUBJECT: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Stolle:

Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) strongly supports the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With the collaboration of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them in order to support advanced manufacturing job creation and opportunities and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

CTC is an independent, nonprofit, applied scientific research and development professional services organization. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields, because it enhances economic progress and improves the quality of life for this region. The grant is also consistent with the focus of our community's Vision 2025 – our ten year strategic framework for community growth.

CTC is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. CTC has managed over 50 EPA assessment and cleanup brownfield grant programs throughout the Southeastern region of the United States. Our technical approach, refined over the past decade, covers community outreach activities, brownfields inventories, Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, cleanup and redevelopment planning, health monitoring, cleanup activities oversight and management, and program administration.

We are prepared to commit our expertise in these areas to support Johnstown and this grant application:

- Serve on the Johnstown Brownfields Task Force
- Help the City identify brownfield sites to be selected for assessment
- Assist Johnstown with public outreach activities, contacting various stakeholder and citizen groups, providing informational materials, and/or hosting/facilitating outreach events
- Provide research, planning and/or technical assistance to Johnstown
- Promote the purchase and reuse of brownfield properties
- Promote the expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown's brownfields
- Provide funds or staff time to support the project.

Johnstown is a resilient community and is poised for revitalization. We support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help increase our likelihood of success. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Sheehan, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

/rs



**H.F. LENZ
COMPANY**

Engineering

1407 Scalp Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15904
Phone: 814-269-9300
FAX: 814-269-9301

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land
Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of the H.F. Lenz Company to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

My organization is a Consulting Engineering Company. We support Johnstown’s effort to revitalize brownfields, because it will be a very important tool in enhancement of our legacy sites into viable usable properties.

H.F. Lenz Company is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. Our organization is willing to serve on the Johnstown Brownfields Task Force and we will promote the expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown’s brownfields.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city’s effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown’s brownfields application.

Sincerely,

H.F. LENZ COMPANY


John R. Boderocco, P.E.
President



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Phone: (800) 225-WELD Writer's Fax: (814) 532-4107
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December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of the JWF Industries to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

My organization is a manufacturer and assembler of metal products with gross sales of \$110 million and a strategy to double that by 2018. We are in the oil and gas, commercial, defense, and power generation business. We support Johnstown's efforts to revitalize Brownfields, because this would help address serious tax base issues in a financially pressed community and contribute to the City's economic revitalization while addressing existing or perceived environmental issues. In addition, of particular interest to my organization, as part of our strategy of growth is to expand our footprint through facilities that would fall under Brownfields revitalization. We have particular experience as all of our facilities qualified under Brownfields revitalization to the point one of our original facilities was used as part of a Brownfields act in Pennsylvania of which I testified in the PA Senate on the importance of utilizing buildings that were in disrepair

and had environmental issues that could be sensibly put in use and with a lower cost structure create a competitive edge to expand your business and grow your employee base.

JWF Industries is committed to helping make progress in assessing downtown Brownfields, and returning those properties to sustainable reuses. In addition, we are interested in serving on an advisory board as well as promote the purchase and reuse of these facilities because of our aforementioned experience, we are able to uniquely help potential companies sort through (the red tape) that sometimes can be a hindrance in seeing the use of these facilities to fruition.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,



William Polacek
President & CEO

December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of Laurel Holdings to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

Laurel Holdings has a significant investment in Johnstown and is keenly interested in reversing the four decade decline in population and jobs that the area has experienced. Johnstown is not blessed with large quantities of flat, developable land with access to utilities. As a result, it is imperative we restore the limited sites that are available. Johnstown was a leading industrial community in Pennsylvania during a time when there were not adequate State regulations to protect the environment. We now need Pennsylvania's help to bring these neglected industrial sites back into circulation.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,



KIM KUNKLE, President & CEO



December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

I write on behalf of Pennsylvania Highlands Community College to convey our strong support for the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

My organization is a community college providing workforce training and education to residents and businesses throughout the Southern Alleghenies region of Pennsylvania. We support Johnstown's effort to revitalize brownfields, because we believe the revitalization will increase the county's population and rebuild the tax base needed to further the growth and development of the Johnstown and the surrounding communities.

Penn Highlands is committed to helping the Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. Pennsylvania Highlands will promote the expansion of advanced manufacturing on Johnstown's brownfields.

Despite many struggles, Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to our progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Asonevich
President



December 17, 2015

Mr. David R. Lloyd
Director
Brownfields Cleanup and Land Revitalization
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Tom Stolle
Brownfields Coordinator
Region 3
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Strong Support for Johnstown, PA Brownfields Revitalization

Dear Director Lloyd and Brownfields Coordinator Stolle:

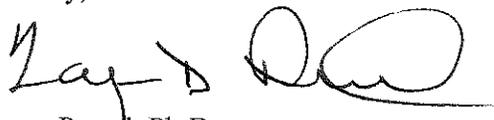
On behalf of Saint Francis University, please accept this in support of the EPA Brownfields Assessment grant application submitted by the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With a mix of community partners, Johnstown intends to reclaim contaminated properties in its central downtown and key neighborhoods, and transform them to advanced manufacturing, job opportunities, and space for heritage tourism, parks and other community benefits.

As an institution of higher education, we strongly support Johnstown's plan to revitalize brownfields. These initiatives strengthen the region's economic viability and are critical to our efforts to attract and retain both students and employees.

Saint Francis is committed to helping Johnstown make progress in assessing downtown brownfields and returning those properties to sustainable uses. We are pleased to assist the city with public outreach activities and to offer the University's facilities for hosting outreach events. We are also glad to provide, via our Environmental Engineering program, any necessary research, planning and/or technical assistance that Johnstown may require to implement this project.

Despite many struggles, we strongly believe that Johnstown is poised for revitalization, and we support the city's effort to obtain EPA Brownfields Assessment funding to help overcome barriers to its progress. We ask for your highest consideration for Johnstown's brownfields application.

Sincerely,


Wayne Powell, Ph.D.
Provost

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
PENNSYLVANIA

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 16, 2015

Ms. Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The City of Johnstown in Cambria County, Pennsylvania has submitted a Brownsfield Community-Wide Assessment grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

The Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment grant will help the City of Johnstown conduct environmental evaluations and investigations, enhance green infrastructure planning and boost development at brownfield sites that have been contaminated by hazardous waste and petroleum pollution. In addition to having a significant economic impact and helping with the revitalization of the region, this grant will allow the City of Johnstown to pursue its plans to reclaim contaminated properties and transform them into manufacturing job opportunities, heritage tourism spaces and public parks.

Thank you, in advance, for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (412) 803-7370.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
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* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="12/18/2015"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania"/>	
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="25-6000865"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="0982107190000"/>

d. Address:

* Street1: <input type="text" value="401 Main Street"/>
Street2: <input type="text"/>
* City: <input type="text" value="Johnstown"/>
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>
* State: <input type="text" value="PA: Pennsylvania"/>
Province: <input type="text"/>
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="159011809"/>

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: <input type="text"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms ."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Renee"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Daly"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	

Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Community and Economic Develop."/>

Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>
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* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="814.533.2017"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="814.539.5816"/>
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* Email: <input type="text" value="rdaly@cojtnw.org"/>
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

EPA-OSWER-OBLR-15-04

* Title:

FY16 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Johnstown Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Project

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="400,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="400,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed: