



R05-24-A-005

**NARRATIVE INFORMATION SHEET:
City of Danville, Illinois**

1. Applicant Identification:

City of Danville, Illinois
17 W. Main Street
Danville, Illinois 61832

2. Funding Requested:

- a. Grant Type: Assessment Coalition
- b. Federal Funds Requested: \$1,500,000

3. Location:

- a. City: City of Danville, Village of Tilton
- b. County: Vermilion County
- c. State: Illinois

4. Coalition Members' Target Areas and Priority Site Information:

- City of Danville:
- Village of Tilton:
- Vermilion County/Vermilion Advantage:
 - **For each Target Area that is smaller than a city/town, list the census tract number(s) within the target area:**
 - 17183000600
 - **Provide the address of the Priority Site(s) proposed in the Narrative**
 - 9-13 N. Logan and 14 N. Gilbert – Danville, Illinois
 - 602-614 S. Gilbert and 403-415 S. Jefferson, Danville, Illinois
 - 400 E. 5th Street – Tilton, Illinois
 - NY Central Lines, 1201 Oakwood Road, Vermilion County

5. Contacts:

- a. **Project Director:** Mr. Logan Cronk, Grants & Planning Manager
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b. Chief Executive: Mr. Rickey Williams, Jr., Mayor
 17 W. Main Street, Danville, IL 61832
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6. Population: 29,204 (US Census, 2020)

7. Other Factors Checklist:

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less	N/A
The applicant is, or will assist a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory	N/A
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land	N/A
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	N/A
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain	N/A
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy	N/A
The reuse of the priority site(s) will incorporate energy efficiency measures	N/A
The proposed project will improve local climate adaptation/mitigation capacity and resilience to protect residents and community investments.	N/A
At least 30% of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse/area-wide planning activities as described in Section I.B. for priority site(s) within the target area(s).	
The target area(s) is located within a community in which a coal-fired power plant has recently closed (2013 or later) or is closing	N/A

8. Letter from the State Environmental Authority:

Please find attached the Letter of Acknowledgement from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding this Coalition Assessment Grant Application.

9. Releasing Copies of Applications:

Not Applicable. This application does not have confidential, privileged, or sensitive information included that cannot be shared.



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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JB PRITZKER, GOVERNOR

JOHN J. KIM, DIRECTOR

**Subject: State Acknowledgement Letter for the Coalition (Lead Applicant City of Danville)
FY2024 US EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant Application**

11/07/2023

City of Danville
ATTN: Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr.
17 W. Main Street
Danville, IL 61832

Dear Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr.,

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has received your request for a letter of acknowledgement for an upcoming Coalition Assessment Grant application to U.S. EPA. The Coalition (Danville (lead Applicant)), Village of Tilton, Vermilion Advantage, and Vermilion County) is applying for a \$ 1,500,000 Coalition Assessment Grant.

The grant will be an Assessment Coalition Grant for Hazardous Substances and Petroleum.

Illinois EPA acknowledges the Coalition, (Lead Applicant City of Danville's) efforts to obtain federal Brownfields funds for this project. If you have any questions, I may be contacted at the above address or telephone numbers below, or at Jacob.fink@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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1: PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION & PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION:

1.a. Coalition Members, Target Areas, and Brownfields

1.a.i. Coalition Members

The City of Danville, Illinois is the lead Coalition Member of the Vermilion County Coalition and the applicant for this US EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant. The Coalition is comprised of the Village of Tilton, Illinois, Vermilion County, Illinois, and Vermilion Advantage. While all members of the Coalition understand the importance and impact of brownfields redevelopment, the non-lead members do not have experience with the US EPA Brownfields Program and do not have the staffing capacity to fully undertake a Brownfields Assessment grant alone. Danville is the largest municipality in Vermilion County, and serves as the County Seat. The City of Danville, as an experienced Brownfields program user, with a deep understanding of the assessment, cleanup, and reuse process for sites, is the most effective choice for the area as the lead Coalition Member.

1.a.ii. Overview of Brownfield Challenges and Description of Target Areas

The geographic area of this Coalition Assessment grant is Vermilion County, Illinois. Vermilion County is located in East Central Illinois, just west of the Illinois/Indiana border between Indianapolis, Indiana, and Champaign, Illinois. In the mid-nineteenth century, coal was king of the County's economy. The Village of Tilton was once called the "Town of Carbon," until 1858 when the Chicago Carbon Coal Company finally gave the Village its current title of the Town of Tilton. Tilton began as a mining village in 1855 and later became a large railroad terminal. By 1905, the coal and rail enterprises were gone, leaving a wake of brownfields behind. The City of Danville was a mining and railroad town as well. By the mid-1800s Danville became the top coal-producing area in Illinois. During the mid-to-late-1800's the railroad was Danville's primary engine of growth due to the strategic confluence of several major transport lines. Since Vermilion County's early days, its prosperity and growth have been inextricably linked to shifts of the region's industrial sector. For many decades, the County's prosperity depended on its mines, foundries and rail yards. As those operations dwindled, the economy became more dependent on manufacturing. A General Motors foundry plant provided more than 1,000 jobs in Danville and Tilton until it closed its doors in 1996. Hyster Fork Lift employed nearly 700 in Danville until the plant was shuttered in 2001. These ebb and flow of manufacturing jobs has had a significantly negative impact on the local economy of the County and Coalition Members. Although companies have continued to open and expand, it has not been enough to keep pace with the number of factories that have closed their doors and left the area. The shuttering of factories, the export of manufacturing jobs, and the economic downturns over the past several decades have left a legacy of environmental contamination and numerous blighted, abandoned buildings behind. Throughout Danville, Tilton, and Vermilion County, the region is left with blighted neighborhoods, underutilized commercial sites, vacant buildings and empty vast parking lots that once served the flourishing industries of the region. Environmental hazards at now shuttered factories, railyards, and coal and bulk oil yards pose an immediate threat to the Coalition's most sensitive populations. The brownfield assessment and redevelopment activities described in this grant is an opportunity to address pressing community needs like eliminating blight, enhancing community connectivity, and benefitting low-income and minority populations through affordable housing, the creation of community places, and the creation of jobs through the diversification of the economy. The City of Danville, the Lead Coalition Member has compiled an inventory of 105 brownfield sites. Most of these sites are now blighted and vacant. Additionally, there are over 207 buildings throughout Danville that have been identified as vacant by the City's vacant building registration program. Of the buildings noted as vacant, 74% also have been identified as abandoned by their former owners. All of these structures are at least 40 years old, and the age of these vacant structures would suggest that they contain both asbestos and lead. These sites are located within walking distance of schools, churches, and other public buildings and, therefore, may present health, safety, and environmental hazards to local residents. The Target Areas designated in this assessment proposal includes the East Main Street Corridor and the East Fairchild Street Corridors in Danville, and the County 7/East 14th Street Corridor in Tilton. All three of these Target Areas are located in Disadvantaged Census Tracts, per the Climate & Environmental Justice Screening Tool¹. The East Main Street Corridor, also known as US Highway 136, spans from S. Kansas Street to N. Vermillion Street in Danville, while the East Fairchild Street Corridor runs from N. Vermillion Street to N. Bowman Avenue in Danville. The County 7/East 14th Street Corridor in Tilton runs through the center of town from east to west. Each of the three Target Areas are a mix of commercial, industrial, and residential land uses that have developed over decades. Today, these Target Area Corridors are primarily home to

¹ Climate & Environmental Justice Screening Tool - <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#11.83/40.08508/-87.66783>

businesses that provide goods and services to surrounding impoverished neighborhoods. The Illiana Veterans Affairs Health Care facility and Danville Area Community College are located along the Target Area corridors in Danville. These entities are two of Danville’s largest employers and serve as regional destinations for health care and education. In all three Target Areas, the brownfield sites are in very close proximity – often adjacent – to residential properties. This poses a particular threat of residential exposure to contaminants via direct contact, inhalation, vapor intrusion, or ingestion. These brownfield sites threaten the public health and the environment of the Coalition’s communities, and impose a blighting effect that leads to further distress, negative perceptions, and disinvestment. The two Target Area’s in Danville exhibit an extremely low Per Capita Income of \$16,725, astounding Poverty Rate of 39.71%, above average Unemployment Rate, and far below average Median Household Income of \$28,000 – all of which illustrate glaring indicators of the City’s social and economic challenges as it relates to brownfield redevelopment. The Target Area in Tilton has a Low Income population in the 81st percentile – this low income indicator means that people in households in this census tract where income is less than or equal to twice the federal poverty level. Tilton’s Target Area also has a 9% Hispanic/Latino population and a 22% population that is comprised of elderly residents aged 65 and over. The Target Area and the brownfields sites located within pose a particular threat of residential exposure to contaminants via direct contact, inhalation, vapor intrusion, or ingestion. The Coalition is pursuing these grant funds to revitalize the Target Area and County – these coalition assessment grant funds represent an opportunity to address blight, benefit disadvantaged and minority populations by eliminating existing environmental threats, and providing a much needed sense of connection throughout the communities of Vermilion County.

1.a.iii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Sites

Within the three Target Areas of this coalition assessment grant, four priority project sites have been designated for this brownfield program. These sites were selected based upon site underutilization, blighting of the area, redevelopment potential and the impact the environmental assessment and eventual remediation is anticipated to have on the Coalition’s redevelopment and revitalization efforts.

Priority Site Name	Parcels & Acres	Current/Past Land Use and Current Site Conditions	Known/Potential Contaminants	Future Use/Reuse Potential	Proximity to Residents/Public Green Space
Midway Cleaners, 9-13 N. Logan and 14 N. Gilbert Street, Danville	4 Parcels, 1.14 acres	Former drycleaner, radiator repair operations and adjacent filling station. Currently vacant.	VOCs/petroleum products, RCRA metals, PNAs, PCBs	Reuse will support health care services on surrounding urgent care medical facility and large medical clinic campus.	Surrounding greenspace and residences are located within 200 feet of Site to south and west.
Gilbert Filling Stations, 602-614 S. Gilbert Street and 403-415 S. Jefferson Street, Danville	8 Parcels, 1.99 acres	Former gas stations and auto repair operations along S. Gilbert Street. Multiple single-family residences along Jefferson Street.	USTs documented with former filling station operations. VOCs/petroleum products, PNAs, RCRA metals, PCBs	Commercial/retail redevelopment.	Multiple single-family residences located immediately adjacent to the east, northeast, and south.
CDC Oil, 400 E. 5 th Street, Tilton	2 Parcels, 1.48 acres	Former bulk petroleum storage. Currently vacant.	Petroleum products, PNAs	Commercial/light industrial redevelopment with access to rail and road transportation.	Residences are immediately adjacent to the east, south, and west.
NY Central Lines, 1201 Oakwood Road, Vermilion County	2 Parcels, 1.71 acres	Former bulk petroleum storage, rail siding and switch yard.	VOCs/Petroleum Products, PNAs	Residential or commercial redevelopment	Single family residences are present immediately to the east and west of the site.

1.a.iv. Identifying Additional Sites

The Coalition will create a comprehensive brownfield inventory throughout Vermilion County with these grant funds. If assessment funds are still available after the Priority Sites and Target Area sites are assessed, the Coalition will determine where next to apply assessment grant funds based on site location, its ability to provide health and economic benefit to underserved populations and disadvantaged census tracts in the Coalition’s geographic area, and the site’s redevelopment potential.

1.b. Revitalization of the Target Areas

1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

As the Coalition faces a challenging economic climate and underutilized, blighted properties throughout the County, it has identified the redevelopment of the three Target Areas as a key component to the economic recovery and growth of the County. Vermilion County doesn’t have a dedicated

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), nor is it part of an Economic Development District. The reuse strategies and revitalization plans for the Coalition will be led by Coalition Member Vermilion Advantage's mission and Danville's extensive experience from the City's ongoing Brownfields Program. Vermilion Advantage's mission is: "With the innovative combination of the membership driven Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development agencies, Vermilion Advantage will create and sustain an environment for all individuals and businesses to succeed and grow within the Danville and Vermilion County area." The Coalition is proposing to utilize these assessment funds to focus on the ten priority sites that have been identified for economic revitalization, per the site reuse plans created by the Coalition and listed in the section above. The completed assessment work that Danville has completed to date has provided critical information on the location of some environmental impacts, the media that is impacted, and the contaminations of concern that exist. This information is valuable to the Coalition as they implement their brownfields redevelopment plans in the three designated Target Areas. Danville has multiple redevelopment projects in development that have benefitted from Danville's Brownfields Program, including the Carle at the Riverfront medical campus project and the new Casino project. The Coalition is confident that Danville's brownfields success will ignite more impactful redevelopment at sites throughout the Coalition's Target Areas.

1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy

The Coalition's brownfield reuse plans focus on recalibrating and diversifying the County's economy for the future, as well as addressing the area's existing blighted and vacant neighborhoods due to the presence of brownfield sites. The Coalition is working on multiple development projects that enable the Coalition Members to create quality job growth within the three designated Target Areas by creating the opportunity for new restaurant, retail, housing, and entertainment spaces. The reuse plans for the Coalition's priority brownfield sites build on the redevelopment efforts already made with the City of Danville's previous assessment grant funds. Projects like the \$70M Carle at the Riverfront medical campus project and the Casino project have reignited the Danville Target Area Corridors as the center of economic activity and cultural heart of the City. All ten of the Coalition Assessment Priority Sites are located in an Opportunity Zone, so the reuse plans will directly spur economic growth within the Opportunity Zone by providing tax benefits to investors. In addition, the location of the priority sites makes the properties eligible for New Market Tax Credits. Job creation will be abundant with the Coalition's reuse strategy, with workers needed for design, construction, and to fill the eventual jobs at the new developments. During redevelopment and construction stages, the Coalition Members will encourage energy efficient and sustainable building practices by encouraging as much infrastructure reuse as possible and if new infrastructure will be needed, the Coalition will encourage the installation of energy efficient utilities.

1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources

1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse

By completing the proposed assessment work and identifying the environmental site conditions with secure funding like this EPA Grant, the Coalition is reducing financing barriers for future redevelopment by helping to make the sites "shovel-ready". The Coalition's identified Target Areas, which includes the ten priority sites, are all located within incentive areas: TIF Districts, Enterprise Zones, and Opportunity Zones. These incentives will be utilized to produce the funding needed to achieve full site reuse. The Coalition and its Members have the capability to partner with developers, located in the Target Areas, with allocated public dollars for site assembly, public infrastructure improvements, and monetary incentives. Danville and Tilton's Target Areas are located in designated Opportunity Zones, which will provide tax benefits to any developers in the area. The Coalition's financial strategy to fund more assessment and remediation work includes seeking State and Federal Historical Tax Credits; applying for New Market Tax Credits; pursuit of Community Development Block Grant public infrastructure funds when applicable; and seek Department of Transportation road and streetscaping funds for applicable redevelopment plans.

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure

The planned reuse/redevelopment plans for the Target Areas and ten priority project sites will primarily utilize existing infrastructure – this includes adaptive reuse plans for utilizing existing building structures on-site for redevelopment, parking lots/facilities, site access roads, local roads, sidewalks, curb and gutters, water, sewer, gas, and electricity infrastructure. If the priority sites are large enough, they will be divided and new infrastructure may be needed to serve those redeveloped sites. In this case, the existing infrastructure may need to be extended from the Coalition Member's right-of-way. The Coalition's redevelopment priority is on infrastructure reuse, but will work with developers when new infrastructure is required. New infrastructure may be required for broadband capabilities or any energy

efficiency installations like solar power, as they do not currently exist at the priority sites or at all of the sites listed in the City of Danville's existing brownfields inventory. New infrastructure for redevelopment could be funded from the resources listed in the section above. The existing State Routes that run through Danville, Tilton, and Vermilion County provide immediate access to Interstates that will be assets to the Coalition's redevelopment efforts and will allow for increased site development visibility and access.

2: COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

2.a. Community Need

2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding

Vermilion County has a population of 74,188, a Median Household Income of \$51,515, more than \$20,000 less than the State of Illinois, and a county-wide Poverty Rate of 16.8%. The Village of Tilton has a population of 2,660, a Median Household Income of \$46,467, and a village-wide Poverty rate of 11.9%. The 2020 US Census listed Danville's population as 29,204². The 2022 American Community Survey 5-year estimates show Danville's 28.5% poverty rate at more than twice the 11.9% Illinois rate. Danville's \$39,230 median household income is nearly 50% lower than the Illinois rate. Danville's Per Capita Income of \$21,055 is far below both the State's and Nation's Per Capita Income. Unemployment statistics are in accord with these figures, as Danville's August 2023 unemployment rate reached 9.3%³. Community-wide, these statistics are startling, but when you look at the designated Target Areas' demographics, they are even more dismal. The three Target Areas are located in disadvantaged Census Tracts and are home to a higher proportion of sensitive populations than other areas in the County, including – children and adults living in poverty, residents with limited English proficiency, households with limited economic means, and those living in older housing. Demographics like these create a complex set of challenges - both economically and socially – that go far beyond brownfields. The two Danville Target Areas' extremely low Per Capita Income of \$16,725, astounding Poverty Rate of 39.71%, above average Unemployment Rate, and far below average Median Household Income of \$28,000 all serve as glaring indicators of Danville's economic challenges, and illustrates the dire need for brownfields grant funding that would create new jobs and provide a better standard of living for the City's residents. Danville lost much of its manufacturing base between 1970 and 1990. This large loss of jobs led to a significant population loss for Danville. In fact, Danville's population today is virtually identical to what it was 90 years ago, yet Danville's land area has increased from 7.2 square miles then to 18 square miles. This makes the maintenance of infrastructure and provision of services increasingly difficult for Danville as the population and tax base have not kept pace with the growth in the community's footprint. The widespread closings of factories and subsequent employment and population losses have also left many properties in Vermilion County vacant and abandoned. These vacant and abandoned sites generate much less tax revenue than productive uses. This Coalition Assessment grant will help Vermilion County assess brownfields, promoting the reuse of abandoned brownfields, while providing good paying jobs for residents, and increasing municipal revenues, all of which are key objectives of the Coalition's brownfields reuse strategy.

2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations

Danville has identified the sensitive populations that are being disproportionately affected by these brownfields. They include minorities, children, persons living in poverty, and women of child bearing age. Within the two Danville Target Areas, US Census data shows that 41.26% of the population is comprised of minorities, compared to 37.9% citywide. Furthermore, more than 44% of the female population in the Target Areas is comprised of women of child bearing age. 39.71% of all people and 60.91% of children live below the poverty level. A full 74.8% of Danville's schoolchildren are low-income and eligible for free and reduced lunch⁴. In Tilton's Target Area, the sensitive populations include low-income residents with the population being in the 81st percentile for low-income, elderly residents with 22% of the population being comprised of people 65 and older, and minority populations with 9% of the population being Hispanic/Latino. Data provided by the Vermilion County Health Department indicates there is a high incidence of both lead poisoning and asthma in children within the target areas over the past 10 years. Given the age of housing in the target area neighborhoods, with more than 44.1% of homes built in 1939 or earlier, and the significant pollutants mentioned previously, these facts are not surprising. Health concerns for sensitive populations are often intensified by lack of access

² U.S. Census, 2020 Census and 2022 ACS Census data, available at <http://www.census.gov>.

³ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/data/#unemployment>.

⁴ 2020 figures from the Illinois State Board of Education, available at www.illinoisreportcard.com

to adequate health care and nutrition. In Danville, 14.8% of the population does not have health insurance; that number rises to 22.8% in the target area⁵. By addressing the environmental contaminant issues in the Target Area with these Coalition Assessment grant funds, any threat of exposure by nearby sensitive populations to contaminants via direct contact, inhalation, vapor intrusion or ingestion will be reduced or eliminated.

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions

Per the Climate & Economic Justice Screening tool, there is a significantly greater than normal incidence of disease and adverse health conditions in the Target Areas of this application. The Danville Target Areas reside in two Census Tracts in Danville: 17183000500 and 17183000400. Both of these tracts feature adverse health conditions and extremely high percentiles, including: Asthma in the 95th and 92nd percentiles, Diabetes in the 90th and 93rd percentiles, Heart Disease in the 90th and 85th percentiles, and a Low Life Expectancy in the 91st and 98th percentiles⁶. The Tilton Target Area resides in Census Tract 17183010701. This tracts adverse health conditions include Diabetes in the 80th percentile, Heart Disease in the 93rd percentile, and Low Life Expenctancy in the 89th percentile. The high rate of the adverse health affects, combined with low income, high poverty, and long-term disinvestment, all exacerbate the challenges of brownfield sites like the proposed Coalition Assessment. Identifying and developing a cleanup plan for the Coalition priority sites is the first step in reducing the risk of exposure to contaminants in and around these sites.

(3) Environmental Justice

a. Identification of Environmental Justice Issues: Brownfield sites add to the environmental justice challenges that continue the cycle of disinvestment and poverty within the target areas. Securing this grant funding is critical to the Coalition’s ability to serve these target areas most impacted by brownfields through positive redevelopment of these vacant and underutilized properties.

A review of EJScreen⁷ shows a number of cumulative environmental issues present in Lead Coalition Member City of Danville that jeopardize human health and environment. An alarming number of these environmental concerns are in the upper two quartiles for Danville, creating a situation where cumulative issues place an undue burden from existing sources of pollution on human health and environment. The soil and groundwater present on each of the identified priority sites may pose a serious health threat to nearby residents and a disproportionate threat to sensitive populations in the targeted area. Another health and environmental concern is the potential migration of contaminants from the brownfield sites to the surrounding waterways including the nearby Vermilion River, which is the public water supply for the Tilton and Danville community. Migrating contamination from the County’s brownfields may pose a threat to that water supply, and to natural habitats and ecosystems. Identifying any known environmental conditions in the County with these grant funds will help alleviate any further health and safety issues for the adverse health conditions described above. EJScreen also shows a number of cumulative environmental issues present in Danville that jeopardize human health and environment. An alarming number of these environmental concerns are in the upper two quartiles for Danville, creating a situation where cumulative issues place an undue burden from existing sources of pollution on human health and environment. In Table 3 below, the factors in **bold** are in the 50th to 74th percentile; those in **bold, italic, underline** are in the 75th through 99th percentile.

TABLE 3: CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES			
Selected Variable	Percentile in State	Percentile in EPA Region	Percentile in USA
Ozone	<i>79</i>	56	42
Traffic Proximity	69	69	38
Lead Paint	69	75	83
NPL Proximity	87	79	74
RMP Proximity	82	87	89
Water Discharger Proximity	53	61	61

b. Advancing Environmental Justice: Vermilion County seeks to promote environmental justice with this grant funding by: collaborating with community partners to address environmental and health-related challenges; work with our community partners and neighborhood leaders to enhance the understanding of environmental and health-related issues at the community level; and by providing

⁵ 2019 US Census American Community Survey figures, available at <http://www.census.gov>.
⁶ Climate & Economic Justice Tool - <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#13.25/40.13853/-87.63071>
⁷ EJScreen available at <http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>.

accessible and culturally appropriate opportunities for low-income, minority and linguistically isolated stakeholders to meaningfully participate in decision-making processes on brownfields sites.

2.b. Community Engagement

2.b.i. Project Involvement and 2.b.ii. Project Roles

Organization Name	Point of Contact (name and email)	Specific Role in the Project
Vermilion Advantage	Tinisha Shade-Spain Email: tshade@vermilionadvantage.com	Marketing Reuse of Target Areas and ten Priority Sites; bring potential developers to the table; potential investor for reuse
Keep Vermilion County Beautiful	Brenda Adams Email: kvcb.brenda@gmail.com	KVCB has pledged to help educate the community on the health/environmental impacts of brownfields and support the project by publishing and posting meeting notices and informational flyers.
Danville Area Community College	Skip Truex Email: truexh@danville118.org	DACC will assist with outreach and advocacy efforts on behalf of the diverse citizen and stakeholder groups affected. In addition, the County will utilize their blossoming workforce development program as needed
Danville School District #118	Dr. Stephen Nacco Email: Snacco@dacc.edu	The School District will assist with outreach and advocacy efforts on behalf of the County, including providing meeting space. The school may help with reuse plans in the Target Areas.

2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input

Through the management of their previous brownfields assessment grant funds, the City of Danville has developed processes and "infrastructure" to meaningfully involve citizens, civic organizations, and communities in the assessment, cleanup, and reuse decision making process. Danville's experience with meaningful and impactful community input will guide the Coalition's community input process. The Coalition will include the affected neighborhood and their respective residents, property owners, and business owners as vital partners in their assessment and cleanup planning activities. Neighborhood organizations and citizen's groups will have the opportunity to express their concerns, identify their needs, and create and implement reuse plans. As the Coalition moves forward with site assessments, the Coalition will hold three (3) public meetings and develop three (3) fact sheets on the status of assessment activities at important junctures. The Coalition will post these fact sheets on County and Coalition Member's websites and utilize any necessary social media to notify the public with a link to the webpages. If the Coalition is awarded this grant, they will continue with Danville's example of the utilization of diverse notification methods (i.e. social media, website, postings) to ensure that they reach a broad audience. It will also be a priority for the Coalition to describe their activities, and progress in ways that are easily understood by its residents, who will most likely be unfamiliar with environmental and scientific terminology. In addition, Coalition will seek out translation services for any households directly impacted by any assessment-related work, especially for the heavily Hispanic/Latino populated target area in Tilton.

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS:

3.a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

The Vermilion County Coalition (VCC) has evaluated and planned grant activities to ensure that they are grant-compliant and appropriate to overall goals. We will first prioritize the ten sites in Coalition Partner target areas before assisting others. When additional sites are identified, the Coalition will score each site with consideration for disadvantaged areas/corridors and the ability to stretch grant funding through outside leveraged redevelopment sources. We will use our extensive in-house grant management, planning, and economic development skills, and access to other partner resources to augment the EPA grant funds to spur redevelopment and revitalization in our jurisdiction. To demonstrate our commitment to the effective use of these brownfields funds, we have added dedicated Coalition Partners to our grant. No health monitoring activities are planned as part of this brownfields project at this time, but the need for such activities will be evaluated based on the findings of the planned environmental assessments.

Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight
i. Project Implementation: This task is comprised of the following: Develop and monitor the grant Work Plan, oversight of the Cooperative Agreement, Quarterly and Annual Reporting to US EPA, coordination between the Vermilion County Coalition and US EPA,

data entry into ACRES, procurement of a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP), documentation of the site assessment selection process, and sending two (2) staff to the National Brownfields Conferences.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: The QEP will be retained within 60 days of award. Quarterly Reports and ACRES updates will be submitted at the close of each quarter and an Annual Report will be submitted within 30 days of fiscal year-end.
iii. Task/Activity Lead: Program Management will be led by Danville Community Development Administrator, Logan Cronk, and the selected QEP.
iv. Outputs: Anticipated outputs of this Task include: 16 Quarterly Reports to US EPA, 4 Annual MBE/WBE Reports to US EPA, and the number of sites in the Brownfields Inventory.

Task 2: Community Engagement
i. Project Implementation: The Community Engagement Task is comprised of activities that encourage and facilitate the project's community involvement and outreach plans early in the program. A Community Outreach Plan will be established under this task, and the Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BRAC) will also be created under this task. The BRAC will meet at least twice a year to keep the brownfields inventory current, ensuring that the highest priority sites are being assessed and made ready for reuse. As the project progresses, our Project Partners will play key roles in both the BRAC and Community Outreach activities. We will hold 4 Community Meetings to ensure the residents are aware of project activities and developments. Each Community Meeting will be conducted in a different partner community to provide information to constituents in the selected Target Areas. Meetings will be coupled with the release of project Fact Sheets, which will be distributed by the Coalition Partners and posted on the Vermilion County website and the Village of Tilton and City of Danville websites. The priority projects identified in this proposal will take precedence in this task. The Community Engagement Plan will include a method for collecting and responding to community feedback on our assessment grant project.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: There will be 2 BRAC Meetings each year and one Community Meeting annually. Fact Sheets will be disbursed immediately after Community Meetings and Project Progress activities will continue throughout the four year project period.
iii. Task/Activity Lead: Community Outreach task activities will be led by the Coalition partners, with the QEP assisting with the BRAC and Project Partners assisting with Community Outreach and site prioritization/reuse efforts.
iv. Outputs: Anticipated outputs of this Task include: 8 BRAC Meetings, 4 Community Meetings, and 4 Fact Sheets distributed to the community regarding the program.

Task 3: Inventory & Prioritization
i. Project Implementation: We will take the City of Danville's existing inventory of approximately 105 sites and update the list with brownfields sites in Tilton and throughout Vermilion County. This information will also be added as a Brownfields Inventory layer in the Vermilion County GIS application. The VCC, QEP, and BRAC will then develop prioritization criteria and then use the criteria to rank the sites. This task will help the VCC prioritize properties based on their specific reuse plans, potential for redevelopment, and the health and social impacts to the Target Areas and the County's most disadvantaged populations.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: This Task will take place in the first year of the project period. The VCC will continue to add brownfield sites as they are identified to the inventory throughout the four year project period. Prioritization will take place at the bi-annual BRAC Meetings.
iii. Task/Activity Lead: This task will be led by the selected QEP with assistance from Danville Community Development Administrator, Logan Cronk
iv. Outputs: The anticipated outputs of this task include: a current and prioritized Brownfields Site Inventory for Vermilion County.

Task 4: Revitalization Planning
i. Project Implementation: This Task includes the development of three (3) revitalization plans for the target corridors of Illinois 150 South (South Gilbert Street and Georgetown Road), US Highway 136 (East Main Street), and Illinois 150 West (M.L. King Drive). Revitalization plans will incorporate the community's engagement and vision for each corridor, overall land use plans already in place, and determining feasible site reuse &

market opportunities. Overall, the revitalization plans will be critical planning steps in the brownfields redevelopment process for Vermilion County.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: This Task will start in the first year of the project period. The VCC will procure a Planning Consultant and then allow for one year to complete their Revitalization Studies for the Target Areas.
iii. Task/Activity Lead: This task will be led by the Danville Community Development Administrator, Logan Cronk, key VCC partners/stakeholders, and the selected Planning Consultant Firm that will work with the selected QEP.
iv. Outputs: The anticipated outputs of this task include: three (3) revitalization plans located in the Target Areas of the coalition area.

Task 5: Environmental Site Assessments & Cleanup Plans	
i. Project Implementation: A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) will be prepared by the contracted QEP in accordance with the US EPA’s guidelines prior to commencement of Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) activity. The QAPP will provide a baseline for standard operating procedures for field sampling and laboratory analysis. The goal of ESAs will be to determine if there are environmental challenges present at sites that will require consideration for reuse and redevelopment. Before any assessment can be completed, an Eligibility Determination (ED) will be prepared for each site. Hazardous Substance site EDs will be submitted to USEPA for approval. Petroleum EDs will be submitted to IEPA. Once EDs are approved, Phase I ESAs will be conducted on sites to determine if Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) are present. All Phase I ESAs will be performed to satisfy the requirements of All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) as well as the applicable ASTM E1527-21 standards and practices. The VCC anticipates conducting up to 30 Phase I ESAs during the grant period. Where RECs are identified, Phase II ESAs will be conducted to evaluate the physical presence of contaminants in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor at each site. Prior to conducting any Phase II work, a Sampling & Analysis Plan and Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan will be prepared and submitted to US EPA for approval. All Phase II ESAs will be performed in accordance with ASTM E1903 (or similar) standards and practices. Some Phase II ESA work may be more focused on the hazardous building materials such as, but not limited to, asbestos and lead based paint. The VCC anticipates conducting up to 15 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments during the grant period. The results of the Phase II ESAs will be compared with IEPA Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) remediation objectives to evaluate contaminant concentrations through human exposure pathways. If contamination is identified at problematic levels, the VCC will seek to enroll the impacted sites in the IEPA voluntary cleanup program for further investigation and remedial planning. The VCC will prepare a Remedial Objectives/Remedial Action Plan for use under the IEPA voluntary Site Remediation Program. An Alternatives for Brownfields Corrective Action (ABCA) document will be developed for any site in need of physical cleanup. The VCC anticipates completing 7 Hazardous Substances Remedial Action Plans and 3 Petroleum Remedial Action Plans.	
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: The QAPP will be prepared immediately following selection of the QEP. Phase I and II ESAs will start in the 2 nd quarter of the project’s first year and will continue as needed throughout the four year project period.	
iii. Task/Activity Lead: This Task will be led by the QEP.	
iv. Outputs: Anticipated outputs of this Task include 1 QAPP with annual updates, 30 EDs, 30 Phase I ESAs, 15 SAPs, 15 Phase II ESAs, and 10 RAPs. The number of acres of sites accessed with also be tracked and entered into ACRES.	

3.b. Cost Estimates

Budget Categories		Project Tasks					TOTAL
		Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight	Task 2: Community Engagement	Task 3: Inventory & Prioritization	Task 4: Revitalization Planning	Task 5: Environmental Assessments & Cleanup Plans	
Direct Costs	Personnel	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$25,000		\$63,000
	Fringe Benefits	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$12,500		\$31,500
	Travel	\$2,110					\$2,110
	Equipment						
	Supplies						
	Contractual	\$10,000	\$6,250	\$18,000	\$225,000	\$944,140	\$1,203,390

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	Other (IEPA Fees)					\$200,000	\$200,000
	Total Budget	\$24,110	\$21,250	\$48,000	\$262,500	\$1,144,140	\$1,500,000

Development of Cost Estimates

Task 1: This budget includes **\$8,000** personnel time at an average \$50/hour as well as an average of \$25/hour for fringe benefits totaling **\$4,000**. This will provide approximately 160 hours of VCC staff time for all reporting and cooperative agreement management activities. The remaining **\$2,110** is for Staff to attend a National Brownfield Conference, budgeting air fare at \$500 per ticket, hotel \$150/night for 2 people for 3 nights. Meals at \$35/day for 2 people for three days. The **\$10,000** for contractual work is 80 hours of QEP time (\$125/hr x 80 hrs. = \$10,000)

Task 2: This budget includes **\$10,000** of personnel time at an average of \$50/hour and an average fringe rate of \$25/hour totaling **\$5,000**. This will provide approximately 200 hours of staff time for the development of Fact Sheets, Website updates, and conducting Public Meetings. The **\$6,250** for contractual work is for 80 hours of QEP assistance (\$125/hour x 50 hours = **\$6,250**)

Task 3: This budget includes **\$20,000** of personnel time at an average \$50/hour for site prioritization along with **\$10,000** in fringe benefits. This will provide 400 hours of staff time to review the inventory and guide site prioritization process with the community and our selected QEP. The **\$18,000** for contractual work is for 144 hours of QEP assistance at an average rate of \$125/hour.

Task 4: This budget includes **\$25,000** of average personnel time at \$50/hour for revitalization planning efforts as well as **\$12,500** at a \$25/hour for average fringe benefits. This will provide 500 hours of staff time to procure a qualified urban planning firm for the revitalization planning that will work with our select QEP to ensure the planning and environmental impairment items are considered in concert, provide pertinent information for planning efforts, and work alongside the QEP. The **\$225,000** for contractual work is for a Planning Consultant to create 3 Revitalization Plans for the Target Areas – this fee includes (\$150/hour x 1500 hours = \$225,000)

Task 5: This task includes conducting 30 Eligibility Determinations (EDs) at \$750 each totaling **\$22,500**. Complete 30 Phase I ESAs at \$3,500 each for a total of **\$105,000**, a Quality Assurance Project Plan and Health & Safety Plans with annual updates for **\$5,140**, 15 Sampling & Analysis Plans coupled with Phase II ESAs at \$22,000 each for a total of **\$330,000** and 10 Site Investigation Reports for SRP enrolled sites at \$18,150 for each, for a total of **\$181,500**; This task also includes completing 5 ABCAs at \$1,000 each totaling **\$5,000**, 10 Remedial Action Plans at \$29,500 each totaling **\$295,000** by our QEP and submittal to the IEPA SRP. This would also include IEPA review fees of **\$200,000**.

3.c. Plan to Measure and Evaluate Environmental Progress and Results

Tracking and measuring progress throughout the period of performance will ensure the Coalition achieves the intended project results in an efficient manner. The table below summarizes the proposed project outcomes and method for tracking project progress. The anticipated outputs for each task were described in the previous section. The tasks and outcomes for this grant include:

PROJECT OUTCOMES & PROGRESS TRACKING		
TASK	OUTCOMES	PROGRESS TRACKING
Programmatic Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of progress • Efficient project management • Accurate / timely data for EPA • Ready data for Coalition use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Reports to EPA • Annual Reports to EPA • ACRES data entry
Community Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More informed and educated stakeholders • Increased program buy-in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share Fact Sheets/Web Postings/Meetings on Project Progress and Milestones with EPA
Site Inventory & Prioritization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete, Prioritized list of potential Brownfield sites in the Coalition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfield Inventory presented at Project Partner Meeting/Public Meeting
Environmental Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of RECs; AAI compliance • Safe, efficient and reliable assessments • Characterization of contamination; AAI compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set Assessment Schedule • Schedule for Priority Site Assessments
Cleanup and Reuse Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze cleanup alternatives • Sites ready for cleanup / reuse • More efficient activities through 3rd party oversight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share ABCA and Remedial Action Plans for sites positioned for reuse with EPA
Corridor Planning Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Danville Target Area Corridor Studies • One Tilton Target Area Corridor Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Study/Plan from Consultant

TASK 4: PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY & PAST PERFORMANCE:

4.a. Programmatic Capability

4.a.i. Organizational Capacity, 4.a.ii. Organizational Structure, 4.a.iii. Description of Key Staff

The City of Danville has previously received previous assessment grant funding, and stands ready to administer another assessment grant with this Coalition when awarded. Danville has the ability and capacity to manage this grant. The City has extensive experience facilitating and managing redevelopment projects and will utilize that experience to support the most strategic use of the grant funds. If awarded this funding, Danville will effectively manage the grant and successfully perform each phase of work on the project alongside the Coalition Members. Grants & Planning Manager Logan Cronk will serve as the Coalition’s Project Manager for this project, serving as the Coalition’s primary contact

and responsible for submitting quarterly reports, financial reports, progress reports, and the final summary report to EPA Region 5 Staff with the assistance of the Coalition's environmental consultant. Upon award of the cooperative agreement, Danville staff will prepare a draft Work Plan. After the US EPA approves the work plan, the Coalition will retain the Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) in compliance with all applicable federal and local procurement requirements. The QEP will assist with grant and program management and will conduct cleanup planning, cleanup activities and participate in project reporting and community engagement activities. The Coalition will work with IEPA to provide independent oversight of cleanup activities conducted under this program, to ensure all assessment is conducted appropriately and with consideration for public health and welfare. Mr. Logan Cronk, the Grants & Planning Manager for Danville, will serve as Project Manager. Mr. Cronk has worked for Danville for almost 3 years and has been involved in the implementation and administration of grants throughout that time, including the previous assessment grant. He wholeheartedly understands the importance of grant administration and timely recordkeeping. The Coalition's plan for management continuity in the event of any personnel change relies on an experienced and readily available Project Manager on staff. Mr. Cronk has successfully administered other Federal and State for the City of Danville, and will be an asset to the Coalition.

4.a.iv. Acquiring Additional Resources

The Coalition will identify, coordinate and leverage any public and private resources needed to complete the described grant tasks. The Coalition will follow EPA's procurement policies to hire a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) to effectively and efficiently assist the Coalition in managing the Assessment grant project. The QEP will assist the Coalition in preparing bid documents needed to select a contractor to conduct the assessment work, and manage the project as it commences. All procurement will follow the Coalition's processes along with all additional federal requirements needed for procurement under an EPA Cooperative Agreement. The Project Director Logan Cronk will work with the Coalition to ensure that a plan is in place if there are any changes in management at the County or Village of Tilton – this will alleviate any potential issues or gaps in the project schedule or federal reporting on the project. In addition, if additional technical assistance is needed, the Coalition will reach out to IEPA's office of site evaluation for brownfields related work and the County Health Department for additional health data and community engagement.

4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments

4.b.i. Has Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant

The City of Danville was awarded previous US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants, including BF-00E00878 (2011), BF-00E02296 (2017), and BF-00E03559 (2023).

(1) Accomplishments: The City of Danville's biggest accomplishment with the use of previous Brownfields funds is the Carle at the Riverfront Project, located in an aged neighborhood consisting of deteriorated structures and drug houses on the City's west side. Brownfields Assessment dollars were used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments at 122, 211, and 213 N Logan Avenue. These sites were identified as methamphetamine house, former automotive station operations, and former dry cleaning operations, respectively. By leveraging private dollars with their assessment grant funds, the Carle Foundation Hospital is currently addressing and remediating contaminated sites that are located within their new \$70 Million medical campus. This new medical campus for Carle in Danville is planned to redevelop 17 acres on the west end of Target Area. The entire site has been enrolled into the Illinois EPA Site Remediation Program. One of the goals for this project was to create a single medical campus in Danville that would be easy for area residents to reach and navigate their way around. The proposed site for the medical campus is bordered by South Gilbert Street (also Illinois Route 1 & US Route 136), West Madison Street, North Logan Avenue and West North Street. The site is about a mile and a half away from the Gilbert Street interchange with I-74. The seven-block area includes commercial buildings and residential sites (both rental and owner-occupied) and vacant lots. Carle's current Danville facilities employ around 200 people and bring in 45,000 patient-visits a year. The new medical campus will bring those jobs and patients to a location in the city that will provide an economic boost to the nearby downtown area. By bringing that kind of traffic within a block and a half of the immediate downtown, the project is certainly going to change the complexion of demand and opportunity for the immediate Target Area properties, which is part of Danville's reuse strategy.

(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements: Danville has received two previous US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants, making the City very aware of the programmatic requirements involved in successfully managing a Brownfields grant. Danville spent their grant funds in the respected project periods. The City will strictly adhere to the workplan and comply with the schedule, terms & conditions, and reporting requirements which include quarterly reports, federal financial reports, ACRES, DBE reports, and where appropriate, HASP and QAPP, and finalizing the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternative (ABCA) report.

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

1. Applicant Eligibility:

The City of Danville, Vermilion County, the Village of Tilton, and Vermilion Advantage is a group of general purpose units of local governments – Danville will act as the single legal entity with authority to enter into binding agreements with the Federal Government.

2. Number and Eligibility of Coalition Members:

- Lead Member: City of Danville, Illinois
- Non-Lead Member:
 - Vermilion County
 - Vermilion Advantage
 - Village of Tilton

3. Target Areas:

The Target Areas designated in this assessment proposal includes the East Main Street Corridor and the East Fairchild Street Corridors in Danville, and the County 7/East 14th Street Corridor in Tilton. All three of these Target Areas are located in Disadvantaged Census Tracts, per the Climate & Environmental Justice Screening Tool¹. The East Main Street Corridor, also known as US Highway 136, spans from S. Kansas Street to N. Vermillion Street in Danville, while the East Fairchild Street Corridor runs from N. Vermillion Street to N. Bowman Avenue in Danville. The County 7/East 14th Street Corridor in Tilton runs through the center of town from east to west. Each of the three Target Areas are a mix of commercial, industrial, and residential land uses that have developed over decades. Today, these Target Area Corridors are primarily home to businesses that provide goods and services to surrounding impoverished neighborhoods. The Illiana Veterans Affairs Health Care facility and Danville Area Community College are located along the Target Area corridors in Danville. These entities are two of Danville’s largest employers and serve as regional destinations for health care and education. In all three Target Areas, the brownfield sites are in very close proximity – often adjacent – to residential properties. This poses a particular threat of residential exposure to contaminants via direct contact, inhalation, vapor intrusion, or ingestion. These brownfield sites threaten the public health and the environment of the Coalition’s communities, and impose a blighting effect that leads to further distress, negative perceptions, and disinvestment. The two Target Area’s in Danville exhibit an extremely low Per Capita Income of \$16,725, astounding Poverty Rate of 39.71%, above average Unemployment Rate, and far below average Median Household Income of \$28,000 – all of which illustrate glaring indicators of the City’s social and economic challenges as it relates to brownfield redevelopment. The Target Area in Tilton has a Low Income population in the 81st percentile – this low income indicator means that people in households in this census tract where income is less than or equal to twice the federal poverty level. Tilton’s Target Area also has a 9% Hispanic/Latino population and a 22% population that is comprised of elderly residents aged 65 and over. The Target Area and the brownfields sites located within pose a particular threat of residential exposure to contaminants via direct contact, inhalation, vapor intrusion, or ingestion. The Coalition is pursuing these grant funds to revitalize the Target Area and County – these coalition assessment grant funds represent an opportunity to address blight, benefit disadvantaged and minority populations by eliminating existing environmental threats, and providing a much needed sense of connection throughout the communities of Vermilion County.

4. Existing Brownfields Grants to Non-Lead Members

The City of Danville does have an open Cleanup Grant, and none of the non-lead Coalition Members have an open EPA Brownfields Grant. Danville was awarded a Cleanup Grant in 2023, but no non-lead members of this Coalition is the recipient of an open cooperative agreement for MARC grant funding or a MARC grant that closed in 2016 or later.

¹ Climate & Environmental Justice Screening Tool - <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#11.83/40.08508/-87.66783>

5. Coalition Agreement

Each non-lead Coalition Member has signed a letter to Danville agreeing to be a part of the Coalition. These letters are attached.

6. Community Involvement:

Through the management of their previous brownfields assessment grant funds, the City of Danville has developed processes and "infrastructure" to meaningfully involve citizens, civic organizations, and communities in the assessment, cleanup, and reuse decision making process. Danville's experience with meaningful and impactful community input will guide the Coalition's community input process. The Coalition will include the affected neighborhood and their respective residents, property owners, and business owners as vital partners in their assessment and cleanup planning activities. Neighborhood organizations and citizen's groups will have the opportunity to express their concerns, identify their needs, and create and implement reuse plans. As the Coalition moves forward with site assessments, the Coalition will hold three (3) public meetings and develop three (3) fact sheets on the status of assessment activities at important junctures. The Coalition will post these fact sheets on County and Coalition Member's websites and utilize any necessary social media to notify the public with a link to the webpages. If the Coalition is awarded this grant, they will continue with Danville's example of the utilization of diverse notification methods (i.e. social media, website, postings) to ensure that they reach a broad audience. It will also be a priority for the Coalition to describe their activities, and progress in ways that are easily understood by its residents, who will most likely be unfamiliar with environmental and scientific terminology. In addition, Coalition will seek out translation services for any households directly impacted by any assessment-related work, especially for the heavily Hispanic/Latino populated target area in Tilton.

7. Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds:

Not Applicable. City of Danville does not have any existing US EPA Brownfields Assessment or Multipurpose Grant funds open.

8. Named Contractors and Subrecipients:

Not Applicable. The City of Danville did not name Contractors or Subrecipients in this Grant Application Proposal. The City has not undergone any procurement or entered into any agreements with Contractors or Subrecipients for this project.