

# BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

## QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT #5

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## 1. PROJECT PROGRESS

Progress reported in this section will clearly identify only those activities performed during the reporting period that were undertaken with EPA funds, and will relate EPA-funded activities to the objectives and milestones agreed upon in the grant workplan.

### 1.1 Status of Activities During the Reporting Period

For each task described in the workplan:

#### **Describe the work ongoing/accomplished during the quarter**

Descriptions should correlate to the activities (tasks, subtasks, objectives, milestones, etc.) agreed upon in the grant workplan.

#### **Site-specific Outputs/Deliverables**

Include a listing of site-specific products completed during the quarter; include dates. These outputs should align with the outputs in your approved workplan. Examples include:

- sites entered into the inventory
- site eligibility determination for site X
- signed access agreement for site X
- the sampling and analysis plan/quality assurance project plan for site X
- Phase I and/or Phase II investigation reports for site X
- ABCA or other cleanup planning documents for site X
- Community Relations Plan for site X

List other deliverables or work products completed in the reporting period and provide as attachments. The following are examples of attachments:

- list of properties considered for grant activities
- community meeting minutes or summaries
- educational brochures
- newspaper articles about the grant properties or the grant program
- photographs of properties

#### **Workplan Task 1: Cooperative Agreement Oversight**

Describe the work ongoing/accomplished during the quarter:

##### ***Subtask: Obtain QEP and legal services (if necessary)***

A contract between the City of Chicopee and Tighe & Bond, the City's selected Environmental Consultant was executed on April 1, 2013 (during the second quarter) and a Project Kick-off Meeting was held on April 30, 2013.

##### ***Subtask: Reporting***

This third Quarterly Report covers October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

##### ***Subtask: Records***

Grant and site project files are up to date, as of the submission of this Quarterly Report.

##### ***Subtask: Requests for Reimbursements or Advances***

Funds were expended during the both the third and fourth quarters. A Request for

Reimbursement for third quarter expenses (\$1,358.94) was submitted through the ASAP system on 11/13/13. A Request for Reimbursement for fourth quarter expenses (\$1,540.00) was submitted through the ASAP system on 11/14/13.

***Subtask: Travel & Training***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

**Site-specific Outputs/ Deliverables:**

- Quarterly Report #5 (October 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013)

**Workplan Task 2: Community Outreach & Involvement**

Describe the work ongoing/accomplished during the quarter:

***Subtask: Establish Brownfields Steering Committee***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

***Subtask: Establish Information Repository***

The Information Repository established during the first quarter is up to date as of the submission of this Quarterly Report. The Information Repository remains available at the Office of Community Development (OCD) at any time during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.). Additionally, a second copy of the Repository is available at the Chicopee Public Library for review during normal business hours. All documents have also been uploaded to the OCD's webpage and are available digitally (<https://www.chicopeema.gov/page.php?id=74>).

Additionally, the City is pursuing the development of a new website for the Brownfields Program. Entitled HEAL Chicopee and incorporating the elements of Health, Ecology, Activity and Legacy – the HEAL Chicopee website will serve as the City's main community outreach platform for the Brownfields Program. All materials in the Information Repository will be uploaded and available from the website which is expected to launch in March 2014. The City will also utilize social media including RSS Feeds, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Vimeo, Tumblr and Instagram to further connect the community to the program while opening numerous avenues for residents to provide feedback, thoughts and ideas to the City.

***Subtask: Development of Marketing Materials***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

***Subtask: Implement outreach strategy in target areas***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

***Subtask: Hold local public meeting on Phase II sites***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

**Site-specific Outputs/ Deliverables:**

- Updated information repository
- HEAL Chicopee Website Draft Documents (cdeVision) – November 22, 2013
- HEAL Chicopee Website Revision Documents (cdeVision) – December 26, 2013

### **Workplan Task 3: Phase I & Phase II Assessments**

Describe the work ongoing/accomplished during the quarter:

#### ***Subtask: Site prioritization and eligibility determination***

On June 25, 2013, Tighe and Bond representatives and City Officials met with representatives from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and the Trust for Public Land to discuss concept plans detailed in the West End Area-wide Plan (AWP) for the former Hampden Steam Plant Property, Lower Depot Street – located at the confluence of the Chicopee and Connecticut Rivers. The AWP supports the potential reuse of this property as open, green space tied into the regional bike trail system developing on both rivers.

Discussions regarding the potential redevelopment of the Steam Plant property as a trail connector and park space were on-going during the fifth quarter. The City in partnership with the Trust for Public Land and PVPC has submitted a Letter of Interest to the Massachusetts Environmental Trust (MET) for potential grant funds (10/9/13). In addition, the City and Trust is developing a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) ‘Our Town’ program. That proposal is due in mid-January 2014. Should the MET or NEA award project be funding, the City will also move forward with an Eligibility Determination and Phase I Assessment of the property.

#### ***Subtask: Phase I Investigations***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

#### ***Subtask: Phase II preparation***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

#### ***Subtask: Phase II investigation***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

#### **Site-specific Outputs/ Deliverables:**

- MET Letter of Intent – October 9, 2013
- Draft NEA Our Town Grant Proposal – December, 2013

### **Workplan Task 4: Clean-up Planning**

Describe the work ongoing/accomplished during the quarter:

#### ***Subtask: Cleanup Planning***

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

#### **Site-specific Outputs/ Deliverables:**

N/A in 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter

## 1.2 Modifications to the Workplan and Schedule

- 1.2.1 Include a description of any modifications to the workplan that were approved during the reporting period. Also mention in this section modifications to the workplan that will be proposed in the next reporting period. **If none, please state so.**

Please note that mentioning a proposed modification or item requiring approval in the quarterly progress report does not satisfy the requirement for submitting a request to EPA. *Modifications requiring formal approval include changes to the budget and the approved scope of work. Other items requiring approval, such as selection of grant sites, are identified under the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement.*

**No modifications to the workplan were approved during the reporting period; no modifications are anticipated during the next Quarter.**

- 1.2.2 Please also explain in this section any delays or other problems (if any) encountered during this reporting period for each activity, and describe the corrective measures that are planned. Also mention what kind of assistance (such as training or technical support) is needed to address these problems in the future.  
**If none, please state so.**

**No significant delays or other problems have been encountered during this reporting period.**

- 1.2.3 Submit a revised schedule if changes have occurred. **If none, please state so.**

**No changes to the schedule have occurred during this reporting period.**

## 1.3 Resources Leveraged

Describe the efforts you have made during this quarter to leverage additional funds/resources to support your project(s). Describe how these funds are being used to contribute to the performance and success of your project(s) and the amounts.

This includes, but is not limited to, funds and other resources leveraged from businesses, non-profit organizations, education and training providers, and/or Federal, state, tribal and local governments.

These efforts should align with the leveraging efforts you proposed in your grant application and match leveraging data reported in ACRES.

**The City was awarded Assessment services (Petroleum only) through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's (PVPC) Brownfields Assessment Grant to begin Assessment work on the former Mobil Service Station Property, 229 Center Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. A total of \$8,000 was approved by the Brownfields Advisory Committee to complete a review of the existing Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) for the Site and conduct a Qualitative Risk Screening including an evaluation of existing data to identify useable data and to identify the need for future additional Phase II site assessment activities to support the proposed removal or modification of the existing AUL allowing greater flexibility in the property's redevelopment. These assessment activities were completed during September 2013. PVPC's**

**Consultant recommended additional Phase II assessment activities (estimated cost of approximately \$12,000) to support the proposed removal or modification of the existing AUL. A request for \$12,000 in additional funding from the PVPC Brownfields Assessment Grant was approved by the PVPC Brownfields Steering Committee and work is scheduled for early in the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter.**

**Additionally, the City was awarded an EPA Region 1, Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) (Petroleum Funding) for the former Racing Oil Property, 181 Center Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 totaling \$100,000 – assessment work at this Site has been completed and the City is now considering the proposed Clean-up Alternatives for the property. A request for an estimated \$10,000 to complete additional assessment activities on the site was submitted to PVPC on September 11, 2013 and is was approved by the Brownfields Steering Committee. The City is working to execute an access agreement for an adjacent property to complete assessment work during the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter.**

## 2. PROJECT FUNDS EXPENDED

If your assessment grant includes both hazardous substance and petroleum funding, you must have separate budget tables for each funding type.

**Table 1: Costs incurred by task and object class for the quarter.**

	<b>Task 1 Cooperative Agreement Oversight</b>	<b>Task 2 Community Outreach &amp; Involvement</b>	<b>Task 3 Phase I &amp; II Assessments</b>	<b>Task 4 Cleanup Planning</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	0	-	-	-	0
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Travel</b>	0	-	-	-	0
<b>Supplies</b>	\$1,540.00	-	-	-	\$1,540.00
<b>Contractual</b>	-	0	0	0	0
<b>Other: Specify</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	\$1,540.00	0	0	0	\$1,540.00

**Table 2: Summary of costs incurred for project (reflects funding drawdown from grant).**

<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Current Approved Budget</b>	<b>Costs Incurred This Quarter</b>	<b>Cumulative Costs Incurred to Date</b>	<b>Total Remaining</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	-*	-	-	-
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Travel</b>	\$1,500.00	0	0	\$1,500.00
<b>Supplies</b>	\$5,000.00*	\$1,540.00	\$1,778.40	\$3,221.60
<b>Contractual</b>	\$193,500.00	0	\$3,148.94	\$190,351.06
<b>Other: Specify</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	\$200,000.00	\$1,540.00	\$4,927.34	\$195,072.66

\*A Minor Budget Modification is approved by the EPA Project Officer on May 6, 2013.

### 3. BUDGET AND OVERALL PROJECT STATUS

Include an estimate of the time and funds needed to complete the activities identified in the approved workplan, comparing that estimate with the time and funds remaining, and provide an explanation for any changes. If overall, the project is expected to be on target, please state so. For example, individual tasks may be behind schedule, but overall, is the project expected to be completed on time and within budget?

**As of this report, the project is expected to be completed on time and within budget. No significant changes are currently anticipated.**

### 4. PROPERTY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Use this table to track key milestones for each approved site worked on throughout the grant. Begin entering and updating site data in ACRES at the Phase I or greater stage of the project (not at site eligibility). Ensure final deliverable dates are consistent in all reports and in ACRES.

			Outputs			
Property Name Address	Haz/Petro	Eligibility Approval Date	Phase I - Draft & Final Date	QAPP Addenda Approval Date	Phase II Report - Draft & Final Date	Cleanup Planning - Draft & Final Date
<b>Cotton Storage Warehouse</b> 165 Front Street Chicopee, MA 01013	Hazardous Materials	7/19/2012	Draft: 8/10/2012 Final: 8/27/2012	N/A	N/A	N/A