

Orphaned Environmentally Impacted Sites Fund

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What is the Fund?

- Section 90 of EMPA 2010 establishes a fund for remediating orphaned environmentally impacted sites.
- Orphaned Environmentally Impacted Sites
 - Abandoned – no trace of responsible person(s)
 - Responsible Person(s) is insolvent and cannot remediate the land
- Resourced from fines levied under EMPA

Who is eligible for funding?

Funding is available to Municipalities and municipal partnerships

- Towns, cities, villages, RMs, hamlets, municipalities, regions, etc.
- Partnerships (e.g. municipalities, private and non-profit organizations)

What are the goals of the Fund?

- Facilitates a clean and safe environment for communities.
- Municipalities are able to re-purpose contaminated sites to stimulate economic and social opportunities.
- Reducing risk and harm from environmental contamination.

How does a municipality apply for funding?

Two Components to the Application:

1. Technical information to characterize the significance of contamination
 - Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) - National Classification System For Contaminated Sites (NCSCS) score
 - ESA may be eligible for funding
2. Information about the proposed project
 - Site-specific information (NCSCS)
 - Overview of the Project (team, costs, alternatives, etc.)
 - Economic, social and strategic considerations

Project information

Section A – Applicant Information

- Organization, partnership

Section B – Insolvency Verification

Section C – Site Information

- Surrounding land use
- Zoning
- Pending transactions
- Outline why remediation is required and expected future use.

Project Information Cont'd

Section D – Financial health of the applicant

Section E – Project overview

- Description of project
- Outline the project team and skills

Section F – Project Benefits

- Economic, social and strategic considerations
- Scored out of 15 respectively

Project Information Cont'd

- Section G – Eligibility for Environmental Site Assessment funding
 - Risks of suspected contamination (e.g. toxicity);
 - Suspected or known migration of contaminants;
 - Suspected or known human exposure to contaminants;
 - Potential impacts to sensitive offsite receptors (e.g. fish bearing waters, groundwater, wildlife, etc.)

How is funding determined?

- Funding is allocated according to brackets determined by the NCSCS' four risk tiers:
 - a) >70: up to 100% of expenses;
 - b) 50-69.9: up to 75% of expenses;
 - c) 37-49.9: up to 50% of expenses; and
 - d) <37: Up to 25% of expenses.
- Scoring of economic, social and strategic considerations facilitates determination of expenses within funding brackets.

What are the next steps?

- Nov– Dec 14th 2018 – Public Engagement
- December 2018 – Finalization of Fund
- January 2019 - Implementation of Fund
- April 1, 2019 – Begin receipt of applications

How can I find out more about the Fund?

Website for Impacted Sites Fund development

- Draft guidance document for making application
- Draft application form
- Online survey

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/public-consultations/impacted-sites-fund>

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