

**Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition Assessment**  
**and**  
**Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program**

**Quarterly Meeting Agenda**  
**September 13, 2022; 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Pacific Time**

**Zoom Conference Call**  
**Topic: RDSBC Quarterly Meeting**

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**Attendees:** Lorina Dellinger – Nye County  
Stephani Elliot – Nye County  
Cathreen Richards – Inyo County  
Ed Kelly – NyE Communities Coalition  
Jeff Fontaine – Lincoln County  
Stefanie Costa Rica – BEC  
Amberlee Mahaffey – BEC

**Acronyms:** CDBG – Community Development Block Grant  
CDFW- California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
CFAC – Centennial Fine Arts Center  
DTSC – Department of Toxic Substances Control  
EA – Environmental Assessment  
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  
ESA – Environmental Site Assessment  
NDEP – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
NNDA – Northern Nevada Development Authority  
NRHA – Nevada Rural Housing Authority  
NyECC – Nye Communities Coalition  
RDSBC – Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition  
RLF – Revolving Loan Fund  
SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office  
SWMP – Solid Waste Management Plan  
TLE – Tonopah Library Expansion

**I. Announcements**

1. RDSBC attended the National Brownfields 2022 Conference in Oklahoma on August 16-19, 2022!
  - a. Discussions were held with Nye County, NyECC, EPA Region 9 and NDEP Brownfields team regarding the Nye Regional Medical Center.
2. Nye Regional Medical Center has been accepted into the 2020 Revolving Loan Fund, thanks to all that voted!
3. NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) has begun the Workforce and Job Training sessions! These job training sessions will provide 40-hr HAZWOPER

training and CPR, among other courses coordinated through local employers. The first course, held in Pahrump, is going on now.

4. EPA has released their guidance documents for the FY 23 Brownfields grants (Infrastructure bill) on 9/13, which include:
  - a. Assessment grants
  - b. Community wide assessment grants
  - c. Revolving loan fund grants
    1. Applications for the above are Due in November

## **II. General Discussion**

1. Public Outreach
  - a. Outreach Information Located Here:  
<https://www.rdsbc.org/outreach/>
2. RDSBC Website Updates
  - a. Agendas and Meeting Summary from last quarter were uploaded on 6/22/2022.

## **III. Region Specific Updates**

1. Duckwater Shoshone (No Update)
  - a. Solid Waste Area – This site was submitted for future assessment consideration under the NyECC Assessment Grant
2. Esmeralda County
  - a. Collecting bids for two projects until 9/19/22:
    1. Fish Lake Valley Community Center expansion and asbestos abatement
    2. Goldfield & Silver Peak Community Centers HVAC installations
3. Inyo County
  - a. Green Space Project near Olancha soda ash pile
    1. Finished Workplan for Phase II- for sampling
  - b. Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery (Tribal Application)
    1. No update
4. Lincoln County
  - a. Gem Theatre
    1. No update
  - b. NRHA Pioche Housing Project (See NRHA Item #8, below)
5. Mineral County (No update)
  - a. Babbitt Industrial Park Update
    1. Waiting for Groundbreaking for Tire Plant
    2. 27 parcels going through the Due Diligence process

- 6. Nye County
  - a. Nye County Courthouse (EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment)
    - 1. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Brownfields Application
      - a. The County is waiting for RFQ for facilities plan. On hold for moment.
  - b. Nye Regional Medical Center – Building with hazardous materials (asbestos/lead) need to be demolished (See 2020 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), below)
  - c. Tonopah Library Expansion Project (See 2014 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), below)
- 7. White Pine County
  - a. McGill Slag Ditch
  - b. Centennial Fine Arts Center Project (See 2014 RLF, below)
- 8. Nevada Rural Housing Authority
  - a. Babbitt Houses in Tonopah (Nye County) – no update
  - b. NRHA Pioche Housing Project (Lincoln County)
    - 1. Interlocal agreement has been prepared and is going before the County Commissioners next week for approval – allowing for the formal transfer of the property from Lincoln County to NRHA for development
    - 2. Initial site visit and scoping call have occurred to prepare for the Phase I ESA
    - 3. Proposed field work to take place between December 2022 and March 2023
- 9. NyE Communities Coalition
  - a. Workforce and Job Training sessions! These job training sessions will provide 40-hr HAZWOPER training and CPR, among other courses coordinated through local employers.
    - 1. Including four-hour defensive driving, 10 hour OSHA construction, Naloxone training, environmental technician training, health and safety in the field, and graduation at the end of the program
      - The first cohort of 6 students is currently going through training in Pahrump
    - a. NyECC is looking for students to attend future sessions

#### **IV. 2014 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**

- 1. Includes Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada
- 2. Status of the Tonopah Library Expansion

- a. The project was completed on July 13, 2022!
  - b. Closure report and closure letter have been submitted to Nye County and EPA
  - c. ACRES was updated and submitted on Friday September 9, 2022.
3. Status of the Centennial Fine Arts Center
  - a. Encompass Studios has been selected as Architect for the roof removal/replacement
  - b. Currently creating bid documentation to select contractors, in review with Encompass Studios and are expected to be published soon

**V. 2020 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**

1. Includes current members of the RDSBC: Duckwater Reservation; Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada; and Inyo County, California
2. Nye Regional Medical Center was voted on by the RDSBC members and approved to be included as a project in the RLF
  - a. Site Eligibility Checklist has been submitted to the EPA – Once approved can move into development with the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternative (ABCA) document
    1. Goal is to use RLF funds for the abatement of the building prior to demolition
  - b. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Brownfield Application for UST removal and cleanup
  - c. Subgrant agreement- approved by legal team. (Stephani Elliot)

**VI. Open Discussion**

1. Question regarding new FY 23 Brownfield grant regarding coalition teamwork and projects.

**VII. Action Items**

1. Send information to Cathreen Richards (Inyo County) coalition grant information released by EPA

**VIII. Next Meeting**

1. Next meeting is in December – will send out a Google Poll