

# **Brownfield Opportunity Area Program**

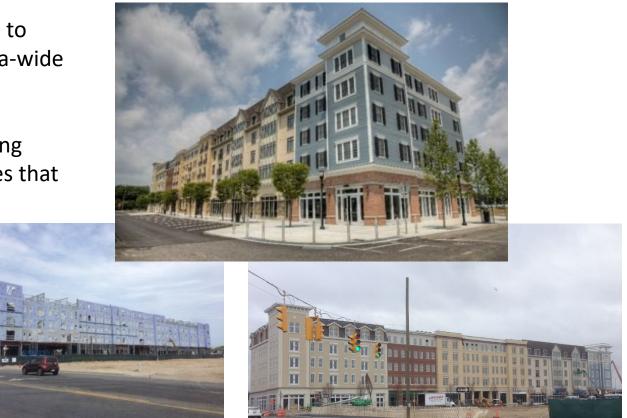
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# Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA)

Program provides assistance to communities to develop area-wide community-based plans to redevelop brownfields and abandoned sites, transforming them into catalytic properties that revitalize the area.





## **BOA Program Empowers Communities**

- To address a range of problems posed by multiple known or suspected brownfield sites;
- To build community consensus on the future uses for the area with an emphasis on strategic sites that are known or suspected brownfields;
- To establish sustainable goals and objectives for area-wide revitalization and for redevelopment of strategic sites;
- To identify and establish the multi-agency and private-sector partnerships necessary to leverage assistance and investments to revitalize downtowns, neighborhoods, and communities;
- To address environmental justice concerns and promote environmental equity in areas that may be burdened by negative environmental consequences; and
- To engage in activities to implement the community's vision after BOA designation by Department of State.



# **Eligible Applicants**

Municipalities

Community-Based Organizations

### • Towns/Villages

Counties

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- Local Public Authorities
- Public Benefit Corps
- School Districts
- Special Improvement Districts
- Indian Nations/Tribes

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### Not-For-Profit

- 501(c)(3)
- Mission to promote reuse of brownfield sites or community revitalization
- At least 25% of Board of Directors reside in area
- Community has demonstrated financial need

Defined and described in Section 2800 of the New York City Charter.

Community Boards

Applicants are encouraged to work in partnership & jointly apply for funding

## **BOA Eligible Grant Activities**

### Countywide Pre-Planning

Develop BOA Plan

Predevelopment Activities

Phase II Environmental Site Assessments

Identify, inventory, and analyze potential brownfield-affected areas within a county.

Develop a communitysupported plan for revitalization culminating in designation by the Secretary of State Targeted activities that help move projects from concept to completion in State-Designated Brownfield Opportunity Areas. Formal assessment of a property's environmental condition in order to guide future land use decisions under the BOA Program within a State-Designated BOA.



## The BOA Process

- Identify clusters of potential brownfields, vacant, and/or underutilized sites throughout a county or multi-jurisdictional area
- Analyze and map concentrations to understand potential BOA planning opportunities.

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Identify, Inventory & Analyze

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#### Plan

- Identify the community's vision for the BOA boundary.
- Highlight strategic sites prime for redevelopment.
- Create a process for moving strategic sites forward and implementing redevelopment.

- BOA Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for Designation
- Designation affirms the municipality and State's goal of realizing the vision of the BOA Plan.
- Designation of a BOA unlocks access to additional funding and technical assistance resources.

#### Designate

#### Implement

• BOA "Bump-Up" 5% BCP Tax Credit • DOS Pre-Development Funding

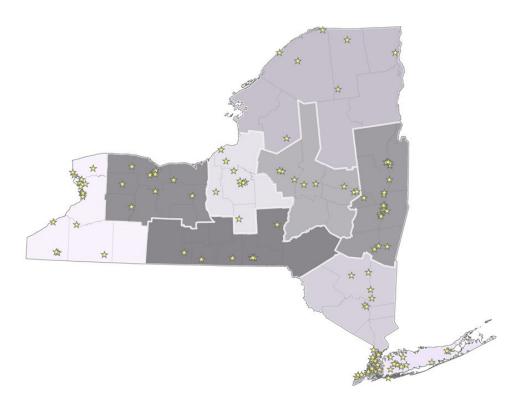
- DOS Phase II ESA Funding
- Private Investment Opportunities

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# **BOA Designation**

### **Benefits of BOA Designation**

- Priority and preference for other grant programs
- Eligibility for BOA Predevelopment activities and Site assessment Funding
- DOS technical support
- Brownfield remediation tax credits



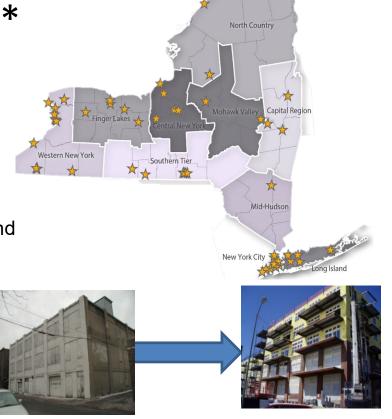


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# Predevelopment Activities\*

- Development and implementation of marketing strategies
- Development of plans and specifications
- Real estate services
- Building condition studies
- Infrastructure analyses
- •Zoning and regulatory updates; Environmental, housing and economic studies, analyses and reports
- Public outreach
- Renewable energy feasibility studies
- •Legal and financial services
- \* Projects *must* be located within a State-Designated BOA. A list of designated BOAs is available at: <u>https://dos.ny.gov/brownfield-redevelopment</u>



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## **BOA BY THE NUMBERS**

stated that BOA Plan implementation is a priority for their community.

**79%** 

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98%

58%

stated that the BOA Program is a priority as a tool to assist with community revitalization.

#### ARE NYS COMMUNITIES UTILIZING THE BOA PROGRAM?

Of the 73 Designated Communities surveyed, 52 individual BOA-designated communities responded. have undertaken implementation projects cited in their BOA Plan since Designation by the Secretary of State.

are interested in connecting with other BOA communities in the same region for technical assistance, information sharing, and/or support.

Stated that the BOA program has supported successful redevelopment of brownfield, vacant, and abandoned sites within their community



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## Annual CFA Funding Amounts

- Approximately \$2-4 Million is awarded annually for the BOA Program through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
- Anticipated Maximum grant award for 2024:
  - Countywide Pre-Planning: \$500,000
  - BOA Plan- \$500,000
  - BOA Predevelopment Activities or Phase II ESA- \$500,000 (You must have a designated BOA in order to apply for Predevelopment Activities within an area)
  - Minimum State grant request: \$100,000
- Communities can apply for more than one award.
- CFA Released in early May.

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- CFA Applications Due late July
- State assistance awarded and paid to a grant recipient will not exceed 90% of the total eligible project cost. Local Match is 10% of total project cost.

# Thank you! Please Email Questions to: <u>BOA@dos.ny.Gov</u>

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