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**EPA FY26 Brownfield Multipurpose Grant  
Application Information Sheet**

**January 21, 2026**

**(1) Applicant Identification**

Name: Henry County Board of Education  
Full Address: 1204 Eminence Road  
New Castle, KY 40050

**(2) Website URL**

<https://www.henry.kyschools.us/about-us/board-of-education>

**(3) Funding Requested**

a. Grant Type Multipurpose  
b. Federal Funds Requested \$1,000,000

**(4) Location**

a. City: City of New Castle  
b. County: Henry County  
c. State: Commonwealth of Kentucky

**(5) Target Area and Priority Site Information**

- The target area discussed in the Narrative is Census Tract 21103090200.
- The addresses of the priority sites proposed in the Narrative are:
  1. 326 S. Main Street, New Castle, KY 40050; and
  2. 390 S. Main Street, New Castle, KY 40050.
- Attached is a map that visually depicts the target area and the priority sites.

**(6) Contacts**

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New Castle, KY 40050

(7) **Population**

The applicant is a school district governed by a county board of education. The target area is Census Tract 21103090200, which includes the entire City of New Castle and unincorporated parts of Henry County, Kentucky. Priority site 1 (326 S. Main Street, New Castle, KY 40050) is located in the City of New Castle, Kentucky, which has a population of 865. Priority site 2 (390 S. Main Street, New Castle, KY 40050) is located just outside the City of New Castle in an unincorporated area within Census Tract 21103090200, which has a population of 3,635. (U.S. Census Bureau 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

(8) **Other Factors**

<b>Information on the Other Factors</b>	<b>Page #</b>
Community population is 15,000 or less.	1
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian Tribe or United States Territory.	N/A
The priority 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.	3
The reuse of the priority site(s) will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	3
The proposed project will improve local resilience to the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters.	3
At least 20% of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse/area-wide planning activities, as described in Section 3.A.(2), for priority site(s) within the target area.	9, 11
The target area is impacted by a coal-fired power plant that has recently closed (2015 or later) or is closing.	N/A

(9) **Letter from the State Environmental Authority**

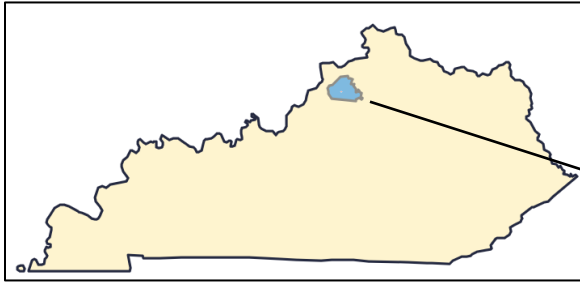
Attached please find a current letter from the appropriate State environmental authority (the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Environmental Protection) acknowledging that the applicant plans to conduct assessment activities and is planning to apply for FY26 federal Brownfields Grant funds.

(10) **Releasing Copies of Applications**

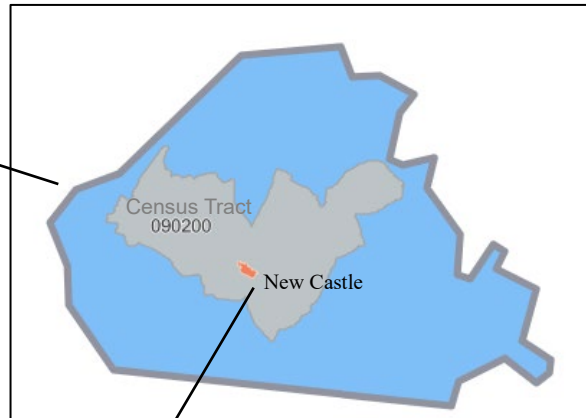
Not applicable.

Map to Visually Depict the Target Area and Priority Sites

State: Commonwealth of Kentucky  
County: Henry County



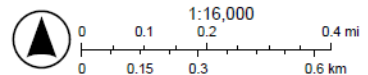
Target Area: Census Tract 090200  
in Henry County



1/18/2026

USA Census 2020 Redistricting Incorporated Places USA Census Tract Boundaries

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Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



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January 7, 2026

Dr. Jim Masters  
Superintendent  
1204 Eminence Rd.  
New Castle, KY 40050

Re: Letter of Support for a FY26 Brownfield Multipurpose Grant

Dear Dr. Masters:

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is supportive of, and committed to, the work of the Henry County Board of Education to identify, assess, and clean up brownfield sites in the community. DEP is the state agency charged by the legislature with the responsibility of implementing the Kentucky equivalent of the federal Superfund program, and as such, is an essential component of any attempt to systematically address brownfields redevelopment. We support your application for a FY26 Brownfield Multipurpose Grant and look forward to continuing our work with your community on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kiersten O'Leary".

Kiersten O'Leary  
Brownfield Coordinator

Cc: Kenneth Logsdon, Division of Waste Management  
Adam Fritsch, Division of Waste Management, Florence Regional Office  
Megan Klempner, Henry County Board of Education

## **(1) PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION**

### **Target Area and Brownfields**

#### **a. Overview of Brownfield Challenges and Description of Target Area**

The target area for the focused grant activities to be conducted by the **Henry County Board of Education (HCBOE)** is **Census Tract 21103090200 (population 3,635)**. This 69.6-sq. mile target area encompasses the **City of New Castle**, the county seat of Henry County, Kentucky, which was settled in 1798, established in 1817, and incorporated in 1851. The city has a long, rich history in agriculture, particularly tobacco, hay, and cattle. The city's businesses both relied on and supported these industries, and the historic downtown remains to this day. The downtown surrounds a classic courthouse square layout, one of the few remaining intact from the 19th century. Far from the Ohio River and with no railroad ever having passed close by, the town's development was not shaped by railway expansion in the 1800s, and yet it continued to thrive steadily. A 6.3-acre portion of downtown has been designated as the National Register of Historic Places-listed New Castle Historic Commercial District. It has preserved pre-railway town development patterns and is, according to the National Register, associated with a significant contribution to broad patterns of history. Local resident Wendell Berry, an internationally renowned author, maintains a presence downtown, advocating for a sustainable agricultural way of life that is still being lived today all throughout the target area.

The tobacco industry has declined sharply in Kentucky, and while beef cattle have replaced tobacco to an extent, this decline is reflected in a decline in New Castle's downtown. This area features a number of vacant and underutilized historic and other properties, which present brownfield challenges to community and economic development for Henry County and HCBOE. The Henry County Fiscal Court, which is the governing body of Henry County, and HCBOE have been collaborating on a vision for the redevelopment of brownfield properties owned by HCBOE and others. The age of the buildings and the cleanup of contaminants required has daunted HCBOE and local entrepreneurs who have recently attempted to redevelop some properties. The county is rapidly growing as development expands along Interstate 71 from the Louisville metro area, and developers have tended to acquire agricultural land for sprawling subdivisions, avoiding the history-rich properties in the target area ideal for commercial, nonprofit, and multifamily use. This is of great concern to the traditionally agricultural county, as farmland in the state has decreased by 0.5 million acres between 2017-22 according to the US Dept. of Agriculture; when farmland is converted for development, the few inches of topsoil formed over hundreds of years is lost and the land cannot be farmed again. The Multipurpose Grant will help address these challenges and impacts by assessing properties for environmental contaminants, planning for productive reuse and area revitalization, and remediating priority sites, leading to a revitalized downtown and preservation of the surrounding farmland.

#### **b. Description of the Priority Brownfield Sites**

In the target area, HCBOE owns 2 brownfield sites just 325 feet apart:

(1) **Old Board of Education Building (Old BOE Building)**, 326 S. Main Street, New Castle, KY 40050, 1.93 acres (11,000 sq. ft. building and 2 outbuildings). The main building on this HCBOE-owned site, built in 1925, was originally used for a school, then in the 1960s as offices. Since June 2025, it has been used for storage for permanent and temporary school district records, meaning this historic building is being underutilized. It is listed as a Kentucky Cultural Resource by the Kentucky Heritage Council. A Phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) completed under the Kentuckiana Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) 2024 EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant determined that based on the age of the building, asbestos and lead-based paint may be present and recommended a hazardous building materials survey. This is a priority site for further assessment, planning, cleanup, and reuse due to its ownership, location, proximity to other promising brownfield sites, historic status, attractiveness, and meaning to the community. HCBOE envisions transforming this site into educator workforce housing with possibly a daycare facility, recreational greenspace, and connectivity to other sites to be redeveloped in the target area.

(2) **Family Resource Center**, 390 S. Main Street, New Castle, KY 40050, 0.29 acres (1,500 sq. ft. building). This HCBOE-owned site has been developed since 1952 and was previously a gas station and a restaurant. HCBOE used it as an office space for immigrant student liaison and the Family Resource Center until around

2021. It is currently used for school district storage, not the highest and best use of this property. Asbestos, lead-based paint, and petroleum may be present. It is surrounded by residential homes and is adjacent to Town Creek and a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. This is a priority site for further assessment, planning, cleanup, and reuse due to its ownership, location, and proximity to other promising brownfield sites, especially the Old BOE Building. HCBOE envisions redeveloping this site into a facility for manufacturing and selling items that will train and employ 10 (and eventually more) workers who are students or graduates of HCBOE's special education program and other adults with disabilities, who currently have a low job placement rate.

In addition, the historic **Main Street corridor** features an estimated **15 brownfield sites**, including at least 9 vacant storefronts, most with unoccupied second stories. Many of these are excellent candidates for redevelopment, and the owners of several have been approached about assessments and reuse. Asbestos and lead-based paint, and possibly other contaminants, are likely present on these sites. Grant funds will be used to compile an inventory and identify further brownfield sites as well as conduct assessments on these sites.

### **c. Identifying Additional Sites**

HCBOE will use grant funds to conduct community engagement events to elicit storytelling and knowledge from long-time residents as well as a windshield survey in order to build a **brownfield site inventory**. Local history enthusiasts have offered to assist with digging into historical documents to discover past uses, as the county did not have planning and zoning and associated record-keeping until 1990. KIPDA will contribute the inventory work it has done in Henry County under its 2024 EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. HCBOE will collaborate with Henry County Fiscal Court and other community partners (listed in Section 2f/2g below) to convene a **brownfields working group (BWG)** that will meet regularly to identify additional sites for eligible activities within the target area if grant funds remain after addressing the priority sites. At early meetings, the BWG will determine the criteria for prioritizing additional sites; it is anticipated that these will include past uses, owner interest, knowledge of past contamination, and, most importantly, potential for productive reuse that will promote community and economic development, in alignment with the county's Comprehensive Plan and other goals. These criteria will be weighted and sites compared to determine priority. The BWG will establish a transparent process to review and prioritize the sites, contact property owners, and track progress.

HCBOE owns an additional site in the target area: the **Old Sewing Factory**, 448 S. Property Road, New Castle, KY 40050, 1.17 acres (5,700 sq. ft. building). The site's single-story masonry building with garage on a concrete slab, built in 1960, was previously used as a manufacturing facility for men's one-piece work suits, overalls, and bibs, serving farmers in the area. HCBOE currently uses it for school district furniture storage. Asbestos and lead-based paint as well as manufacturing-related contaminants may be present and the building appears to be crumbling. The property is in a residential area and is adjacent to Town Creek and a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area. HCBOE desires to develop a strategy for this site and incorporate it into the overall revitalization plan and an area-wide plan for a more targeted area. An infrastructure evaluation may be warranted. HCBOE is working with the Historical Society and other partners in the community to gather more information about its history and potential contaminants and anticipates bringing it into the program.

An environmental database report retrieved for the Old BOE Building Phase I ESA identified 10 known contaminated sites in New Castle, including 1 state superfund site with a groundwater use restrictive covenant and 1 known petroleum release under the petroleum state funding program. In addition to these sites, there are at least 5 more known sites and likely other unknown sites that will be identified while compiling an inventory.

### **Revitalization of the Target Area**

#### **d. Overall Plan for Revitalization**

As one does not already exist, an **overall plan for revitalization of brownfield sites** within the target area will be created. It will focus on the densest section in the target area, consisting of a .5-mile section of Main Street between Cedar Street to the north and Town Creek to the south and a .5-mile area on either side. The overall plan for revitalization will align with and advance Henry County's Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Plan element of which recommends considering redevelopment for commercial and residential uses in the cities, encourages infill development and redevelopment in New Castle's downtown area, and urges commercial enterprises to assist in the revitalization of New Castle. One of the Comprehensive Plan's major housing objectives is the revitalization and rehabilitation of blighted and deteriorating neighborhoods. This plan is currently being

updated and the draft emphasizes brownfield site reuse and revitalization even further. The overall plan for revitalization will also reflect recent efforts to promote economic and community development as well as historic preservation in Henry County as well as the City of New Castle and its Main Street corridor. A highlight of the overall plan for revitalization will be a **feasible site reuse strategy for the priority sites**, which is based on HCBOE’s objective to attract teachers and families to the community by providing educator workforce housing and possibly daycare and a job site for adults with disabilities, thereby making the community attractive for families seeking a competitive education for their school-aged children and inclusive job opportunities once they graduate. Planning efforts throughout the target area will incorporate concerns for connectivity among sites, such as sidewalks and crossings, and curbs and other techniques for drainage and stormwater management to contribute to community resilience. In addition, funds will be used for a more targeted **area-wide plan** for the south Main Street corridor between Church Street and Town Creek and a .5-mile area to the east in which the Old BOE Building, Family Resource Center, and Old Sewing Factory are located.

**e. Outcomes and Benefits of Overall Plan for Revitalization**

HCBOE and the Henry County Fiscal Court view the overall plan for revitalization as having strong potential to stimulate economic development and improve quality of life in the target area after remediation of the priority sites. As a rural community with few affordable housing options to attract and retain teachers, and virtually no jobs for adults with disabilities, the envisioned redevelopment of these sites is anticipated to draw teachers and thus families and employers to the county. The community desires to stimulate economic development, encouraging new private investment and attracting new commercial services. In addition to the economic benefits, the reuse plan for the Old BOE Building will include creation of a greenspace, with play spaces, newly planted trees, and stormwater management, and explore sidewalks and other types of connectivity to other sites in the target area. A recent Community Needs Assessment performed by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service found that the community expressed a very high need for efforts to support local and small businesses and a high need for safe, accessible community places for outdoor physical activity and addressing housing issues. All planned reuses of HCBOE property — educator housing, jobs for adults with disabilities, and daycare — will be for nonprofit purposes. The revitalization of and increased traffic to the Main Street corridor will benefit target area nonprofit organizations, including the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Washington Lodge #1513, founded in 1872 by formerly enslaved persons and one of Kentucky’s oldest African American fraternal organizations, and the Berry Center, dedicated to the agrarian and land conservation advocacy of author Wendell Berry.

In terms of resilience, New Castle is no stranger to extreme weather events and natural disasters. In 2015, a heavy snowstorm caused the roof of the Odd Fellows Washington Lodge to collapse. Henry County, some parts of which have a high proportion of mobile homes, has experienced several tornadoes and floods in recent years. Revitalized property in the target area will generate visitor traffic and revenues that will enable all properties to invest in maintenance and repairs, thereby improving local resilience to the impacts of such weather events and disasters. The overall plan for revitalization will address existing drainage issues along the Main Street corridor, especially the portion south of the Old BOE Building, by incorporating curbs, gutters, and other stormwater management measures, contributing to reduced poor drainage impacts and local resilience.

HCBOE desires that the reuse of the priority sites as educator workforce housing and a manufacturing facility that trains and employs adults with disabilities will incorporate energy efficiency measures such as insulation and efficient HVAC and appliances and, if possible, facilitate renewable energy from solar panels. The reuse planning process will explore the feasibility and cost of implementing these elements as well as promising funding sources for them.

**Strategy for Leveraging Resources**

**f. Resources Needed for Site Reuse**

HCBOE has already taken advantage of a no-cost Phase I ESA for the Old BOE Building under KIPDA’s 2024 EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. KIPDA, which is the state area development district serving Henry County, and Kentucky I-71 Economic Development Alliance (KIEDA) have been researching grants and loans that HCBOE and Henry County Fiscal Court will seek to fund this project, including the following:

- Kentucky Brownfield Program’s no-cost assessment services, grants, and revolving loan fund (RLF). KIPDA is experienced in accessing these services for various communities in its service area.

- US HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These can be used for both housing and job creation projects. New Castle, the main community in the target area, is considered low- and moderate-income and therefore eligible. Projects that leverage other funds, such as the Multipurpose Grant, are especially attractive to the state administrator of these funds.
- Kentucky Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program. This state program provides 95%+ of the local matching funds for CDBG and other federal grants.
- USDA Community Facilities loans. These can be used for daycare facilities.
- USDA Rural Economic Development loans and grants.
- National Park Service/IRS Historic Preservation Tax Credit program. Sites in the National Register-listed district would be eligible for these.
- Ky. Heritage Council Rehabilitation Tax Credits and grants.
- Ky. Housing Corp. Housing Tax Credits.
- Preservation grants such as the Linda & Jerry Bruckheimer Preservation Fund for Kentucky.
- Local utility company grants.
- Other private grants such as TMobile’s Hometown Grant Program.

Reuse planning will explore additional public and private funding mechanisms available. The assessment, cleanup, and reuse planning activities funded by this grant will stimulate the availability of additional funds to support the subsequent reuse strategy at the priority sites by making them shovel-ready for the next steps, thereby attractive to private developers and lenders.

**g. Use of Existing Infrastructure**

The activities funded by this grant are anticipated to use existing infrastructure. The Old BOE Building’s and Family Resource Center’s existing buildings, driveways, parking lots, and water, sewer, and electrical connections will continue to be used. An infrastructure evaluation will be performed for the Old BOE Building, Family Resource Center, and other sites determined to be eligible for planning and reuse. Reuse planning will include ascertaining which utility connections may need upgrading or expanding and whether roadways will need to be redeveloped. HCBOE will seek other funding resources that may be used for infrastructure updates, such as CDBG funds and USDA Rural Economic Development loans and grants. If infrastructure improvements are needed for sites owned by a private entity, HCBOE will assist in securing public incentives to reduce financial barriers and accelerate project delivery.

**(2) COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Community Need**

**a. The Community’s Need for Funding**

The primary community in the target area is New Castle, with a small population of 865 and a median household income of \$33,833 (compare to Henry County at \$60,736 and Kentucky at \$62,417). The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified New Castle as a city in which 63.9% of the relevant population are **low- and moderate-income persons**. The Kentucky Constitution caps the property tax rate for cities with fewer than 10,000 residents, which includes New Castle, at \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed value, limiting tax revenue spending to essential community needs. HCBOE, with 6 schools, 128 teachers, and an enrollment of 1,863 students for 2024-2025, serves Henry County, a rural county with a population of 15,774. While average public school teacher salaries in 2023-24 were \$72,030 in the US and \$58,325 in Kentucky (#42 in the nation), HCBOE’s 2025-26 starting salary is \$42,024.<sup>1</sup> In a 2025 **HCBOE teacher survey**, 35% of responses indicated a need for daycare and 22% responses indicated a need for a lower cost apartment (most indicated a preference for 2 bedrooms).

Rural Henry County features few employment sectors and is not in the Appalachian Regional Commission or Delta Regional Authority, limiting funding opportunities available to it. Due to the small population and low income of the rural community as well as statutory tax limits, HCBOE is unable to draw on other sources of

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<sup>1</sup> US Census Bureau 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; US HUD Low- and Moderate-Income Area Data Map Application based on 2016-2020 ACS; Kentucky Dept. of Education Report Card Dashboard; National Ed. Assn. Ranking of States 2024 & Est. of School Stats. 2025; Henry Co. Public Schools data 2025-2026.

funding to carry out environmental assessment, remediation, and planning in order to redevelop sites that could meet the needs of teachers, students, their families, and others. This grant will meet the community’s need to prepare the priority sites for subsequent reuse, thereby making them more attractive to other potential sources of funding for further development activities.

**b. Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations**

Sensitive populations in the target area include:<sup>2</sup>

Sensitive Populations	New Castle	Census Tract 902	Henry Co.	Ky.	US
Under 5 years	6.8%	6.1%	5.7%	5.9%	5.7%
60 years and over	41.3%	27.9%	25.4%	23.7%	23.3%
Median household income	\$33,833	\$62,644	\$60,736	\$62,417	\$78,538
Below poverty level	21.2%	11.0%	16.6%	16.1%	12.4%
With a disability	27.2%	21.3%	18.7%	17.7%	13.0%
Not high school graduates	17.3%	14.0%	13.9%	11.5%	10.6%
Veterans	7.4%	6.9%	7.9%	6.8%	6.4%
No internet subscription	24.6%	31.9%	18.2%	12.6%	10.1%
No vehicle available	12.4%	5.8%	5.2%	6.7%	8.3%

Compared to national, state, and county levels, the target area, and particularly New Castle, the densest community within the target area, have high percentages of small children, elderly persons, people living below the poverty level, people with a disability, adults without a high school diploma, veterans, and households with no internet or vehicle. According to the EPA’s EnviroAtlas, 80.6% of households in the census tract block group containing the priority sites are below the quality-of-life threshold income. These populations face significant health and welfare issues; for example, they often experience elevated health risks from pollution due to contaminants found in older and deteriorating buildings in which they live, are cared for, or work. Kentucky Department for Public Health data for 2022 Social Vulnerability in Kentucky for the target area yields an overall SVI theme score of 0.84, indicating high vulnerability, meaning low resilience to external stresses on human health, natural or human-caused disasters, or disease outbreaks.

One specific sensitive population in the target area consists of students with Moderate and Severe Disabilities (MSD). According to the HCBOE Director of Special Education, the MSD student population in the school district is 48, with 2 in grade 14 and 1 projected graduate for 2025-26. The job rate of graduating and grade 14 MSD students is only 33%. Another sensitive population is teachers; as discussed in Section 2(a) above, teacher salaries in the community are low, and teacher surveys indicate a need for affordable housing and daycare. Nationwide, teacher salaries have been stagnating and teachers are priced out of their local housing markets, contributing to a national teacher shortage. Threats to these populations include lack of daycare, lack of job training and jobs, lack of housing for teachers, and substandard real property stock available for meeting these needs, all of which negatively impacts their health and well-being, as well as those of their families and students.

This grant and the site reuse plans and overall plan for revitalization of the target area will help identify these and other health and welfare issues for these sensitive populations and explore measures to reduce related threats. The projected site reuses will address these issues, not only within the target area, but for the entire county served by HCBOE. Remediation and reuse of the Old BOE Building as educator workforce housing and possibly a daycare facility and of the Family Resource Center as a job site for adults with disabilities, as well as greenspace for families and safe connectivity to downtown, will directly contribute to a strengthened educator workforce, improving educational outcomes that will contribute to a higher high school graduation rate and fewer residents living below the poverty level.

**c. Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions**

Diseases or conditions associated with exposure to hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or petroleum include cancer and asthma. In the target area, older people are at greater risk for asthma and people who did not graduate high school or have disabilities are at greater risk for cancer. As shown in the table in Section 2(b) above, the target area has a disproportionate percentage of these populations and therefore a greater than normal incidences of these diseases. The age-adjusted annual incidence rate for cancer in Henry County is 551.1, higher

<sup>2</sup> US Census Bureau 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

than the state rate of 513.7, the national rate of 444.4, and the rate of all surrounding counties. The prevalence of asthma among adults in Census Tract 902 is 11.4%, exceeding the national rate of 8.0%.<sup>3</sup>

Asbestos is one of the suspected contaminants in the priority sites and other potential sites. According to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, when asbestos crumbles and deteriorates in aging and unused buildings, it releases microscopic fibers into the air that increase the risk of cancer and other serious health problems, such as asthma. Lead-based paint is also a suspected contaminant; chips and dust from removal pose a particular risk to young children and cause permanent brain and nerve damage, leading to poor educational outcomes and poverty.

The site reuse plans and overall plan for revitalization of the target area funded by the grant will help identify asthma, cancer, and other threats to these populations in the target area and promote specific measures to reduce these threats, such as remediation and property management planning. The remediation and projected site reuses for the Old BOE Building and Family Resource Center will directly address and reduce these threats by removing or containing exposure pathways, providing safe and healthy housing and possibly a daycare facility and a job site for adults with disabilities at which all contaminants have been remediated.

#### **d. Economically Impoverished/Disproportionately Impacted Populations**

Key populations in the target area that are economically impoverished and/or disproportionately share the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental, and/or commercial operations or policies include the populations of residents living below the poverty line, with a disability, without a high school diploma, without internet, without a vehicle, and veterans, as listed in Section 2(b) above. They bear the consequences of governmental policies that have prioritized automobile travel and failed to provide sufficient sidewalks and crossings to allow residents to walk or bike safely, as well as policies that have not optimally managed stormwater, resulting in poor drainage along Main Street. Deteriorating and vacant brownfield sites and their possible leakage of contaminants into pathways and the watershed add to the burden of these underserved populations. Government and commercial policies that have posed obstacles to building new homes or refurbishing older buildings have resulted in a significant housing gap across Kentucky. A Kentucky Housing Corporation study found that Henry County lacked 487 units in 2024 (222 rental and 265 for-sale) and projects a need of 629 units by 2029 (331 rental and 298 for-sale). The housing shortage particularly affects these already burdened populations and leaves them living in substandard, deteriorating, and contaminated properties. Industrial and commercial operations have also imposed burdens on these populations. There are 2 EPA cleanup sites within a 1-mile radius of the priority sites: (1) McKesson Envirosystems (Superfund Non-NPL Site) and (2) Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.–Smithfield Recycle Center (RCRA Corrective Action). These corporations are known to dispose of hazardous chemicals and are potential sources of contamination of local soil and groundwater in the target area.

This grant and the overall plan for revitalization of the target area as well as the projected site reuses for the Old BOE Building and Family Resource Center will directly address and reduce these threats by providing safe, healthy educator workforce housing and possibly a daycare facility, and a job site for adults with disabilities, as well as a path to revitalization and economic growth for the New Castle Main Street corridor.

#### **Community Engagement**

##### **e. Prior/Ongoing Community Involvement**

HCBOE has been meeting with Henry County officials as well as personnel from KIPDA and KIEDA to develop a plan setting forth a vision for priority sites and the larger target area. KIPDA has publicized the visioning process in its regional newsletter. The members of the board of HCBOE have adopted a resolution authorizing the superintendent to pursue grants and other opportunities to realize this vision. As discussed in Section 2(a) above, HCBOE has conducted a survey of teachers to assess their needs; 22% indicated a need for affordable housing and 35% indicated a need for daycare, needs that would be directly addressed by the envisioned reuse of the priority sites. It has also discussed the need and possibilities for employment opportunities for graduates of the school district's special education program with educators and local entrepreneurs. Henry County has a long history of community involvement in its Main Street corridor. The New Castle Historic Preservation District was

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<sup>3</sup> Kentucky Dept. for Public Health at [healthtracking.ky.gov](http://healthtracking.ky.gov); National Cancer Institute State Cancer Profiles 2017-2021; CDC National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network Data Explorer 2021 data.

established by community enthusiasts in 2003. KIPDA submitted the New Castle Historic Commercial District to the National Register of Historic Places to achieve its designation in 2016.

**f. Project Involvement and g. Project Roles**

The local organizations/entities/groups that will assist with this project are listed below, with a description of their roles. All of the following will serve on the BWG, which will be the **decision-making group** for site identification, prioritization, selection, cleanup, and future reuse of the brownfield sites, including the priority sites.

**List of Organizations/Entities/Groups and Roles**

Name of organization/entity/group	Entity's mission	Point of contact (name and email)	Specific involvement in project or assistance provided
Henry County Fiscal Court	County government	Scott Bates, County Judge/Executive sbates.hcgov@gmail.com	Serve on BWG, communicate with property owners
City of New Castle	City government of target area	Phoebe Thompson, Mayor pthompson@newcastleky.com	Serve on BWG, community engagement
Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)	Community and economic development of region	Jarrett Haley, Executive Director jarrett.haley@kipda.org	Serve on BWG, grant administration, community engagement; seek other funding
Kentucky I-71 Economic Development Alliance (KIEDA)	Economic development of region	Jessica Moore, Executive Director director@ky71alliance.com	Serve on BWG, liaise with public and private partners
Henry County Chamber of Commerce	Cooperation of county residents, businesses, and industries	Holly Wilson, Executive Director henrykychamber@gmail.com	Serve on BWG, liaise with business community
Henry County Historical Society	Promotion of county history	Olivia Herrell, President olivia.herrell@ky.gov	Serve on BWG, provide historical information for priority and other sites
First National Bank of Kentucky	Local banking	Gregory D Goff, CEO fnbc@fnbkentucky.com	Serve on BWG, advise on development, lending
Kiwaniis Club of Henry County	Community-based organization improving lives of children	Jakob Beckley, President jakob.beckley@lindsey.edu	Serve on BWG, advise on community needs
Toni Moore	Special education teacher; local entrepreneur	Toni Moore toni.moore@henry.kyschools.us	Serve on BWG, use revitalized property for job site for adults with disabilities

**h. Incorporating Community Input**

An early step will be the development of a Community Involvement Plan, an evolving document that will guide engagement throughout the life of the grant-funded activities. The BWG will consist of community representatives from various key stakeholder groups. HCBOE will communicate project progress to the local community, including residents directly affected by the project work and the involved organizations/entities/groups, through at least quarterly in-person and/or remote BWG meetings, at least 5 in-person community engagement events in accessible locations, a brochure, a website, and at least 20 online communications via targeted email newsletters, informational postings on social media, announcements through partner newsletters/social media, etc. It will meaningfully solicit, consider, and respond to community input by discussing questions and concerns at these meetings and events and responding via these online communications. As a small community, hybrid in-person and remote meetings remain the most effective means of communication; the community also utilizes social media for surveys and to elicit public comments. It will incorporate community input into the site inventory and documented project decisions when appropriate.

### (3) TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS

#### Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

<b>Task/Activity 1: Project Management</b>
<p>a. <u>Project Implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue a <b>subaward</b> to subrecipient KIPDA to assist with (1) project management, including procurement for programmatic services &amp; reporting (some tasks of which are administrative, including cooperative agreement oversight &amp; pre-award reviews) &amp; (2) community engagement.</li> <li>• Procure a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) to perform project management &amp; conduct/lead Tasks 2–5 below.</li> <li>• Attend EPA brownfields-related trainings/conferences.</li> <li>• Input all required ACRES entries; quarterly &amp; other reports; maintain continuously updated progress tracking system.</li> <li>• Procure remediation/abatement contractors to perform Task 5 below.</li> <li>• <b>Non-EPA Resources:</b> HCBOE will not charge the grant for staff salary &amp; will contribute its own resources to carry out programmatic oversight activities &amp; grant administration activities that are not carried out by subrecipient KIPDA.</li> </ul>
<p>b. <u>Anticipated Project Schedule</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subaward issuance: start immediately upon notification of award.</li> <li>• Grant administration: start immediately upon notification of award &amp; continue throughout the 5-year period of performance.</li> <li>• QEP procurement: start promptly upon notification of award, estimated to take 3 months.</li> <li>• General project management: start promptly upon QEP procurement &amp; continue throughout the 5-year period of performance.</li> <li>• Contractor procurement: start promptly upon receipt of EPA approvals for site.</li> </ul>
<p>c. <u>Task/Activity Lead</u>            HCBOE generally; QEP for general project management due to technical expertise; subrecipient KIPDA for grant administration &amp; procurement due to applicable expertise.</p>
<p>d. <u>Outputs</u>            1 subaward agreement with 1 subrecipient, all pre-award documentation, 1 QEP &amp; 2 contractors procured with documentation, 2 conferences × 2 staff, 20 quarterly internal progress meetings, 20 quarterly reports, 5 annual reports, 1 final performance report, all ACRES entries, tracking system, all administrative records.</p>
<b>Task/Activity 2: Community Engagement &amp; Site Inventory</b>
<p>a. <u>Project Implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an approved Community Involvement Plan (CIP).</li> <li>• Recruit BWG; hold quarterly meetings; develop materials for group.</li> <li>• Build brownfield site inventory with sites identified by BWG; prioritize &amp; select them for assessment, cleanup, &amp; planning.</li> <li>• Hold community engagement events; develop &amp; transmit public communication materials.</li> <li>• <b>Non-EPA resources:</b> HCBOE will contribute meeting space and materials at no charge.</li> </ul>
<p>b. <u>Anticipated Project Schedule</u>            Start promptly upon award &amp; continue throughout the 5-year period of performance.</p>
<p>c. <u>Task/Activity Lead</u>            QEP due to technical expertise with assistance from KIPDA due to its experience and network.</p>
<p>d. <u>Outputs</u>            1 CIP, 1 BWG, 20 BWG meetings with materials, 1 inventory, 5 community events, 1 brochure, 1 website, 20 online communications via social media.</p>
<b>Task/Activity 3: Site Assessments</b>
<p>a. <u>Project Implementation</u></p>

- Develop & submit an approved generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
- Secure site access, communicate with owners, obtain access agreements as necessary.
- Conduct & submit Phase I ESAs with All Appropriate Inquiry checklists.
- Prepare & submit site eligibility determinations (SEDs).
- Develop & submit Sampling & Analysis Plans (SAPs) with Health & Safety Plans (HASPs).
- Conduct Hazardous Material Surveys (HMSs) to assess asbestos-containing materials, lead-based paint, & other contaminants.
- Conduct & submit Phase II ESAs.
- Coordinate with Kentucky Redevelopment & Reuse Program - Liability Relief Program (415 Program) to obtain documentation as requested.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule

Start when QEP is procured & continue throughout the 5-year period of performance.

c. Task/Activity Lead

QEP due to technical expertise with HCBOE oversight & KIPDA assistance.

d. Outputs

1 QAPP, all necessary site access agreements, 8 Phase I ESAs with AAI checklists, 5 SEDs, 5 SAPs with HASPs, 5 HMSs, 1 Phase II ESA, up to 4 415 Program filings.

**Task/Activity 4: Reuse & Revitalization Planning**

a. Project Implementation

- Conduct site-specific reuse visioning session.
- Develop site reuse assessments for the priority sites & 1 other site.
- Conduct a market study for the target area.
- Develop resource roadmaps describing potential funding sources for which the project is eligible.
- Prepare infrastructure evaluations.
- Develop an area-wide plan for south Main Street corridor between Church Street & Town Creek & a .5-mile area to the east.
- Develop an overall plan for revitalization of brownfield sites within the target area.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule

Start when QEP is procured & continue throughout the 5-year period of performance.

c. Task/Activity Lead

QEP due to technical expertise; QEP may subcontract to experienced planning firms.

d. Outputs

1 site-specific reuse visioning session, 3 site reuse assessments, 1 market study, 3 infrastructure evaluations, 2 resource roadmaps, 1 area-wide plan, 1 overall plan for revitalization.

**Task/Activity 5: Site Remediation**

a. Project Implementation

- Conduct & submit Analyses of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs) for the priority sites.
- Prepare property management plans for the priority sites.
- Develop site-specific cleanup plans for the priority sites.
- Prepare sets of plans & specifications for the priority sites.
- Oversee the work of the contractor; conduct sampling; prepare & submit all required oversight documentation.
- Perform remediation/abatement work at priority sites that may include: excavation & removal or treatment of contaminated soil; abatement of asbestos or lead-based paint contamination in building; & site restoration activities, such as grading, that prepare the site for reuse & similar activities that improve the real property.
- Inspect to verify that remediation is complete & issue report or certification of completion.

b. Anticipated Project Schedule

Start after EPA approvals are granted, anticipated in year 2 of the period of performance.

c. Task/Activity Lead

Oversight: QEP due to technical expertise; remediation: contractor due to expertise, licensures, experience.

d. Outputs

2 ABCAs, 2 property management plans, 1 site-specific cleanup plan, 1 set of plans & specifications, all required oversight reports, clean-up activities completed at 1 site, volume of material disposed of, 1 cleanup completion report, letter, or certification, as applicable, 1 remediated site ready for reuse.

e. Cost Estimates

**Budget**

Budget Categories		Project Tasks (\$)						Total
		1: Project Management	2: Community Engagement & Site Inventory	3: Site Assessments	4: Reuse & Revitalization Planning	5: Site Remediation	Administrative Costs	
<b>Direct Costs</b>	Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Travel	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Supplies	\$130	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,130
	Contractual	\$30,000	\$20,770	\$124,000	\$335,000	\$0	\$0	\$509,770
	Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other:	\$9,140	\$8,120	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$4,640	\$471,900
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>		\$43,270	\$28,890	\$134,000	\$335,000	\$450,000	\$4,640	\$995,800
Indirect Costs		\$1,560	\$1,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$960	\$4,200
<b>Total Budget</b> (Total Direct Costs + Indirect Costs)		\$44,830	\$30,570	\$134,000	\$335,000	\$450,000	\$5,600	\$1,000,000

**Task/Activity 1: Project Management: \$44,830.**

■ Travel: 2 staff attending 2 conferences @ \$1,000/trip (airfare \$400 + 2 nights' lodging @ \$200/night = \$400 + 2 days' per diem @ 100/day = \$200) = \$4,000. ■ Supplies. 2 newspaper ads for procurement @ \$65/ad = \$130. ■ Contractual: QEP personnel 200 hrs @ avg \$150/hr = \$30,000. ■ Other: 4 conference registration fees @ \$400 ea = \$1,600; subrecipient KIPDA programmatic assistance personnel + fringe 130 hrs @ avg \$58/hr = \$7,540. ■ Indirect: subrecipient KIPDA indirect 130 hrs @ avg \$12 = \$1,560. Note: KIPDA has a Cost Allocation Plan and annually submits a Certificate of Indirect Costs to its cognizant agency, the Economic Development Administration. As a unit of state or local government that receives less than \$35 million in annual cumulative direct Federal funding, it is not required to submit an indirect cost rate proposal to EDA. (Costs from past conferences, procurements, KIPDA finance dept., QEP estimate.)

**Task/Activity 2: Community Engagement and Site Inventory: \$30,570.**

■ Contractual: meeting refreshments & supplies \$670; CIP \$5,000; inventory work \$10,000; QEP personnel 34 hrs @ avg \$150/hr = \$5,100; total \$20,770. ■ Other: subrecipient KIPDA community engagement assistance personnel + fringe 140 hrs @ avg \$58/hr = \$8,120. ■ Indirect: subrecipient KIPDA indirect 140 hrs @ avg \$12/hr = \$1,680. (Costs from past meetings, KIPDA finance dept., QEP estimates.)

**Task/Activity 3: Site Assessments: \$134,000.**

■ Supplies: 4 415 Program fees @ \$2,500/ea = \$10,000. ■ Contractual: 1 QAPP @ \$7,000; 8 Phase I ESAs @ \$5,000 ea = \$40,000; 5 HMSs (incl. SEDs, SAPs, HASPs) @ \$9,000 ea = \$45,000; 1 Phase II ESA @ \$32,000; total 124,000. (Costs from Community Lattice, QEP estimates.)

**Task/Activity 4: Reuse and Revitalization Planning: \$335,000.**

■ Contractual: 1 site reuse visioning session @ \$35,000; 3 site reuse assessments @ \$20,000 ea = \$60,000; 1 market study @ \$20,000; 2 resource roadmaps \$20,000 ea = \$40,000; 3 infrastructure evaluations @ \$10,000 = \$30,000; 1 area-wide plan @ \$50,000; 1 overall revitalization plan @ \$100,000. (Costs from EPA Eligible Planning Activities/Information Fact Sheets.)

### **Task/Activity 5: Site Remediation: \$450,000.**

- Other: Contractor remediation and disposal costs including oversight, laboratory costs @ \$450,000. Note: while these costs are construction, because costs are unknown at the time of application submission, they are placed on the Other budget line in accordance with the Notice of Funding Opportunity. (Costs based on abatement contractor estimate, historic asbestos reports, QEP estimates.)

### **Administrative Costs: \$5,600.**

- Other: subrecipient KIPDA grant admin. assistance personnel + fringe 80 hrs @ avg \$58/hr = \$4,640. ■

Indirect: subrecipient KIPDA indirect 80 hrs @ avg \$12/hr = \$960. (Costs from KIPDA finance dept.)

Of the funds, **70.9%** is allocated to tasks directly related to site-specific work, including site assessments, remediation, and associated tasks, including site-specific planning, **45.0%** is designated for tasks directly associated with site remediation, and **33.5%** is allocated to eligible reuse/area-wide planning activities.

### **f. Plan to Measure and Evaluate Environmental Progress and Results**

A project manager will maintain a continually updated tracking system documenting all tasks and outputs listed above, available to HCBOE, KIPDA, and the QEP, that will indicate all steps in progress toward milestones and cooperative agreement compliance. The project manager will provide periodic updates and the opportunity for a regular remote meeting with HCBOE, KIPDA, and the QEP. Project accomplishments will be reported in quarterly and other reports to the EPA and all outcomes and other metrics will be reported in the ACRES system regularly. All reports, the QAPP, and other documents required to be submitted to the EPA will be submitted in a timely manner.

Specific project outputs are listed by task above. Expected outcomes of the project are at least one currently unused site made ready for reuse in alignment with HCBOE's vision, renewed community enthusiasm for revitalizing the New Castle Main Street corridor and a path forward for community advocates, and minimized exposure to hazardous substances and contamination for educators and their families as well as adults with disabilities who will ultimately benefit from the redeveloped site(s).

### **(4) PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE**

#### **Programmatic Capability**

#### **a. Organizational Capacity, b. Organizational Structure, c. Description of Key Staff**

HCBOE has ample organizational capacity to oversee general grant tasks/activities and carry out and manage the grant's programmatic, administrative, and financial requirements. As described below in this section, HCBOE employs full-time staff devoted to financial management and grant coordination, and has adopted written policies and procedures governing accounting, procurement, and other financial matters. HCBOE has been awarded and successfully administered 59 federal or state grants over the last 8 years, totaling over \$21 million, and conducts an annual audit.

To ensure the timely and successful expenditure of funds and completion of the grant's technical, administrative, and financial requirements, HCBOE will utilize the following organizational structure: the HCBOE super-intendent will supervise the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Finance Office Clerk/Grants Coordinator (FOC), who, upon award, will promptly engage in the required procurement process to engage a QEP. The QEP will carry out all technical activities and the CFO and FOC will conduct all administrative and financial requirements under the grant, all in accordance with the cooperative agreement and approved workplan. The CFO and FOC will meet periodically with the QEP to assess progress and status to completion.

The key staff of HCBOE who will successfully administer the grant are as follows:

(1) Megan Klempner, Chief Financial Officer. Megan Klempner has a bachelor's degree in business administration with a finance emphasis. She has worked in accounting for nearly 30 years and has been CFO of HCBOE since 2011. She has worked on the financial side of numerous projects including building projects, federal and state grants, and pandemic-related special projects. Her experience and leadership will ensure fiscal responsibility in spending, procurement procedures, and financial reporting.

(2) Sharla Whitt, Finance Office Clerk/Grants Coordinator. Sharla Whitt has a bachelor's degree in office management and music. She has over 15 years of experience in grant writing and grant management with both educational and non-profit organizations. She worked for the Kentucky Department of Revenue prior to coming to HCBOE in 2016 and has served as finance clerk since 2017. Her experience will be beneficial in managing the

grant implementation timeline, budget, and procurement. She will work closely with the CFO on budget and timeline oversight and grant budget reporting.

(3) Rick Fox, Director of Maintenance. Rick Fox has worked in maintenance at HCBOE since 2006. He became the Director of Maintenance in 2011. In that role, he manages all of HCBOE's facilities. He is also a licensed HVAC technician. He will oversee remediation activities on behalf of HCBOE.

In addition, staff members of KIPDA, a subrecipient under the grant, have extensive experience with grant administration, federal procurement, KIPDA's own 2024 EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant, community involvement, and regional community and economic development planning.

#### **d. Acquiring Additional Resources**

HCBOE will rely on its attorney, as well as the staff of the Henry County Fiscal Court, KIPDA, and KIEDA, to appropriately acquire additional expertise and resources, including expertise on procurement and the administration of federal brownfields and other grants. Staff members of KIPDA, a subrecipient under the grant, have extensive experience in advising local governmental entities on procurement in compliance with state and federal laws, and have experience procuring contracts for services for eligible programmatic activities in accordance with EPA guidance. KIPDA staff members also have experience in the administration of many types of federal grants, including financial management and reporting.

#### **Past Performance and Accomplishments**

#### **f. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but Has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Financial Assistance Agreements**

HCBOE has entered into numerous federally and non-federally funded financial assistance agreements. Among the most recent, the following three are most similar in scope and relevance in terms of structure, community engagement, and deliverables to the proposed project.

#### **(1) Purpose and Accomplishments**

A. Awarding Agency/Organization: US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program (December 2, 2024). Funding Amount: \$893,140.

Purpose: Distance learning and telemedicine services in rural area for students and staff.

Accomplishments: Installed audio-visual equipment and shared learning spaces in 5 schools, increasing distance learning opportunities, leading to increased student achievement and higher quality instruction. Installed 1 telehealth cart at 5 schools, resulting in medical access for rural residents and increased treatment for medical needs. Installed 1 telehealth cart at high school, contributing to student nursing certification.

B. Awarding Agency/Organization: US Dept. of Justice Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Office (September 3, 2024). Funding Amount: \$361,403.

Purpose: Improve security at schools and on school grounds.

Accomplishments: Installed, implemented, and provided training for physical and digital crisis alert safety platform and installed upgraded and new security cameras at 5 schools. Filled coverage gaps, higher quality images, increased rates of resolution.

C. Awarding Agency/Organization: US Dept. of Education via Ky. Dept. of Education Stronger Connections Grant (September 26, 2023). Funding Amount: \$309,393.

Purpose: Educational services to homeless children and youth.

Accomplishments: Hired 1 mental health professional. Implemented 6 school leadership team workshops, engaged a consultant to provide coaching for 18 days, and purchased 3 years of leadership program memberships for 830 students. Increased mental health services, supports to transition students to in-person; reduced behavior referrals.

#### **(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements**

HCBOE has been successfully managing each of these grants and performing all phases of work as described in the respective applications and financial assistance agreements. It has complied with the workplan, schedule, and terms and conditions under each of the agreements. It has filed all required reports on time and all reports have been acceptable to the awarding agency/organization. It has made progress toward achieving the expected results, and has reported that progress in a timely manner, with respect to agreements B and C above; agreement A described above has not yet required a report showing progress.

**(1) Applicant Eligibility**

**a. Applicant Type and Information Demonstrating Eligibility**

The applicant type is **school district**, one of the eligible entities listed in Section 2.A. of the Notice of Funding Opportunity, governed by a board of education.

For documentation of eligibility for a Multipurpose Grant, attached please find copies of the following statutes:

- Kentucky Revised Statutes 160.010 established a **school district** in each county in Kentucky.
- Kentucky Revised Statutes 160.160 provides that each school district shall be under the management and control of a **board of education**.

**b. Whether Organization Is Exempt from Federal Taxation under Section 501(c)(4) of the IRC**

The applicant, Henry County Board of Education, is **not** exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the IRC.

**(2) Community Involvement**

The applicant, Henry County Board of Education, will develop a Community Involvement Plan, an evolving document that will guide engagement throughout the life of the grant-funded activities. A Brownfield Working Group (BWG) will be established that will consist of community representatives from various key stakeholder groups. Henry County Board of Education will communicate project progress to the local community, including residents directly affected by the project work and the involved organizations/entities/groups, through at least quarterly in-person and/or remote BWG meetings, at least 5 in-person community engagement events in accessible locations, a brochure, a website, and at least 20 online communications via targeted email newsletters, informational postings on social media, announcements through partner newsletters/social media, etc. It will meaningfully solicit, consider, and respond to community input by discussing questions and concerns at these meetings and events and responding via these online communications. As a small community, hybrid in-person and remote meetings remain the most effective means of communication; the community also utilizes social media for surveys and to elicit public comments. It will incorporate community input into the site inventory and documented project decisions when appropriate.

**(3) Target Area**

The target area identified in the Narrative by the applicant, Henry County Board of Education, where it proposes to conduct eligible activities is **Census Tract 21103090200**, located in Henry County, Kentucky.

**(4) Affirmation of Brownfield Site Ownership**

The applicant, Henry County Board of Education, owns a site that meets the CERCLA § 101(39) definition of a brownfield and is: a) not listed (or proposed for listing) on the National Priorities List; b) not subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to or entered into by parties under CERCLA; and c) not subject to the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the U.S. government.

**(5) Use of Grant Funds**

The page numbers where there is information on Henry County Board of Education’s plan to complete the following activities are listed below:

- Complete at least one Phase II environmental site assessment — pages **9 and 10**.
- Remediate at least one site — pages **3, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11**.
- Develop an overall plan for revitalization of the target area that includes a feasible reuse strategy for at least one priority site (note: an overall plan for revitalization of the target area that includes a feasible reuse strategy for at least one priority site does **not** already exist) — pages **2, 3, 9, and 10**.

**(6) Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds**

The applicant, Henry County Board of Education, does **not** have an open EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant or Multipurpose Grant.

**(7) Contractors and Named Subrecipients**

• **Contractors**

Not applicable. A contractor has not been procured.

• **Named Subrecipients**

The applicant, Henry County Board of Education, has named the following subrecipient to assist with grant administration and programmatic activities: **Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)**. KIPDA is an area development district, a type of special district established by Kentucky Revised Statutes 147A.050, a copy of which is attached. It was originally established as Jefferson Area Development District; documentation of its later name change is also attached. As a **special district**, one of the eligible entities listed in Section 2.A. of the Notice of Funding Opportunity, KIPDA is eligible for a subaward. Furthermore, KIPDA is eligible for a subaward in compliance with Appendix A of EPA’s Subaward Policy for EPA Assistance Agreement Recipients. KIPDA will only receive reimbursement for its actual direct or approved indirect costs such that it does not “profit” from the transaction and will be subject to the same Federal requirements as the applicant. The applicant and KIPDA have not yet entered into a written subaward agreement.