

APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Applicant Name: Restoration Hall Inc.

Applicant Address: 3400 Franklin St, Bellaire, OH 43906

Website URL: www.restorationhall.org

Grant Type: Multipurpose Brownfield Grant

Federal Funds Requested: \$1,000,000

Location: Bellaire, Belmont County, Ohio

Target Area and Priority Site:

Restoration Hall Campus, 3400 Franklin St, Bellaire, OH 43906. This former school facility will be assessed and remediated to support veteran transitional housing, workforce development, and community services.

EPA MULTIPURPOSE GRANT – PROJECT NARRATIVE

Applicant: Restoration Hall Inc.

Project Title: Restoration Hall Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup Project

Funding Opportunity: EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-25-03 (Multipurpose Grant Program)

1. Project Description and Community Need

Restoration Hall Inc. proposes a multipurpose brownfield project to assess, plan for cleanup, and remediate a historically significant former school building located in Bellaire, Belmont County, Ohio. Constructed in 1909, the property has been vacant for an extended period and exhibits conditions commonly associated with aging institutional structures, including deteriorated building materials and potential hazardous substances such as lead-based paint and asbestos-containing materials.

2. Site Description and Brownfield Eligibility

The subject property is a former public elementary school that ceased operations decades ago. The building has remained largely unused and has not undergone comprehensive environmental assessment. Due to its age and prior use, the site is suspected to contain hazardous substances consistent with pre-1978 construction. The property meets the statutory definition of a brownfield under CERCLA §101(39).

3. Proposed Use of EPA Grant Funds

EPA Multipurpose Grant funds will support Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, cleanup planning, regulatory coordination, and EPA-approved cleanup activities, including removal or stabilization of contaminated materials.

4. Community Engagement

Restoration Hall Inc. will engage community members through public meetings, accessible communications, and coordination with local stakeholders to ensure transparency and alignment with community priorities.

5. Project Readiness and Management Capacity

Restoration Hall Inc. is prepared to immediately initiate EPA-funded activities and has the administrative capacity to manage federal grant requirements and qualified environmental consultants.

6. Budget Summary

EPA funds will support assessment, cleanup planning, and remediation activities. No indirect costs are requested.

7. Anticipated Benefits and Outcomes

The project will reduce environmental risk, protect public health, support redevelopment, and advance environmental justice in a distressed Appalachian community.

Conclusion

EPA Multipurpose Grant funding is essential to transforming this long-vacant property into a community asset and supporting sustainable redevelopment.