

FY26 EPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant, Pulaski County, Arkansas

1. Application Information Sheet

RO6-26-A-006

- a. Applicant Identification:
Pulaski County, Arkansas
201 South Broadway, Suite 220
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
- b. Website URL:
www.pulaskicounty.net
- c. Funding Requested:
 1. Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide
 2. Federal Funds Requested: \$300,000
- d. Location: Pulaski County, Arkansas
- e. Target Area and Priority Site Information:
 1. List the target area(s) discussed in Narrative
 2. Provide the address(es) of the priority site(s) proposed in the Narrative
 3. (Optional) as a separate one-page attachment, map of target area(s)
- f. Contacts
 1. Project Director
 - a. Jason Kennedy, Brownfields Administrator
 - b. (501) 340-8843
 - c. jkennedy@pulaskicounty.net
 - d. 3915 West 8th Street, Third Floor
Little Rock, AR 72204
 2. Chief Executive/Highest-Ranking Elected Official
 - a. Barry Hyde, Pulaski County Judge/CEO
 - b. (501) 340-8305
 - c. cojudge@pulaskicounty.net
 - d. 201 South Broadway,
Little Rock, AR 72201
- G. Population: (U.S. Census, CRE 2022) 398,322
- H. Other Factors

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 15,000 or less.	n/a
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian Tribe or United States Territory.	n/a
The proposed site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	n/a
Secured firm leveraging commitment ties directly to the project and will facilitate completion of the project/reuse; secured resource is identified in the Narrative and substantiated in the attached documentation.	n/a
The proposed site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the proposed 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 proposed site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	n/a
The reuse of the proposed site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy.	n/a
The reuse of the proposed site(s) will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	n/a
The proposed project will improve local resilience to the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters.	n/a
The target area(s) is impacted by a coal-fired power plant that has recently closed (2015 or later) or is closing.	n/a

I. Letter from the State Environmental Authority

Please find attached letter dated January 5, 2026, Addie McClain, Program Supervisor, Brownfields Division of Environmental Quality, State of Arkansas

J. Release of Copies of Application

This application does not contain confidential, privileged or sensitive information.



**PULASKI
COUNTY**

Brownfields

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January 23, 2026

Marsha Lay
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75270-2102

Dear Ms. Lay:

Pulaski County, Arkansas, is pleased to submit this proposal for the FY26 Community-wide Assessment Grants in the amount of \$300,000 total. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to further our partnership with the EPA's Brownfields program.

To date, the EPA/Pulaski County partnership has leveraged tens of millions of dollars in redevelopment projects in the targeted areas, remediated hundreds of thousands of commercial space and dozens of acres of blighted property, creating numerous jobs with every project, and was honored with the prestigious Region 6 Phoenix Award for Brownfield Redevelopment for the Our House Children's Center project.

I hope you will look favorably upon and consider this application. Should you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please see our attached application.

Sincerely,

Barry Hyde
County Judge/Chief Executive Officer
Pulaski County, Arkansas

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January 5, 2026

Electronic Mail Only

Jason Kennedy, Brownfields Grant Administrator
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Little Rock, AR 72204

**RE: Letter of Support for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 EPA Brownfield
Community-wide Assessment Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The Division of Environmental Quality Office of Land Resources (DEQ) is pleased to submit this letter in support of Pulaski County's application for a Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grant (CWAG) in Federal Fiscal Year 2026.

If awarded, the grant will facilitate environmental assessments and eligible planning activities at brownfield properties throughout Pulaski County. In combination with their existing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), Pulaski County has developed a local brownfield program capable of identifying, assessing, and cleaning up brownfield properties so they can be returned to productive use.

DEQ will continue to support Pulaski County's redevelopment efforts by providing technical assistance and oversight. Properties assessed by Pulaski County may be eligible to participate in the Arkansas Brownfield Program to obtain liability protections under Arkansas law and may be eligible to request cleanup assistance from DEQ's 128(a) grants when funding is available.

Please feel free to contact me at (501) 682-0616 or by email at addie.mcclain@arkansas.gov if further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. McClain".

Addie McClain, Program Supervisor, Brownfields
Division of Environmental Quality

C. 1.a. Overview of Brownfield Challenges and Description of Target Area

Our grant proposal intends to provide service to the entire geographic boundary of Pulaski County, Arkansas. Pulaski County is the major urban region of central Arkansas. Pulaski County is the governmental, political, business, economic, transportation, and cultural hub of the state of Arkansas. Geographically, sitting at the intersection of five major transportation corridors: Interstates 30, 40, 57, 430, and 630 cross through Pulaski County and bisect Little Rock and North Little Rock, the two largest cities. Overall, the county is comprised of eight municipalities, two military bases, 600 square miles of unincorporated area, and an estimated population of 398,322 (U.S. Census, CRE 2022).

Due to its geographic location along the Arkansas River, and the presence of a port grew around the "little rock" created the hub of commercial, agricultural, industrial, and transportation growth of the area. Industrial development included steel fabrication, grain storage, window and paint manufacturing, paper manufacturing, building title fabrication. A downtown industrial core sprouted along both sides of the river in Little Rock and North Little Rock, along with three rail lines to support the industry and bustling port grew.

The area had a steady population until the 1950s when the industrial downtown cores began a cycle of depopulation and economic difficulties due to aggressive urban renewal program, historic desegregation issues, and the construction of the Interstate 30 Corridor. Aggressive urban renewal efforts, in predominantly African American neighborhoods and business sections, demolished more than 580 acres of downtown Little Rock in the 1950s and 1960s within the targeted areas. (John A. Kirk, *Beyond Little Rock: The Origins and Legacies of the Central High Crisis*, University of Arkansas Press, 2007). These efforts pushed many businesses to close (296 displaced businesses) and pushed a 'hard' physical barrier to the urban core and limited access to amenities: such as schools, parks, and community centers particularly for the sanative populations who were displaced, separated, and isolated by the construction. Complicating these effects the construction expedited a 'White flight' migration to western suburbs and neighboring Counties leaving behind vacant, blighted, and disconnected neighborhoods. In some of the impacted neighborhoods, the population dropped by nearly 75%, with sensitive populations representing the remaining economically immobile remainers. The school district lines drawn in the aftermath of the population distribution patterns created and hardened these difficulties for the area. The brownfield challenges in the targeted area include environmental liability concerns, financial barriers towards planning and redevelopment are a history of neglect, withholding of resources, a decaying infrastructure, toxic environmental conditions. and deteriorating neighborhoods.

Our program began in 2005 along with an economic recovery plan with Brownfields as a key component to attracting investment within these communities. The program spurred economic growth, while encouraging community stakeholders to recognize the leveraging capabilities that brownfield planning offers. The opportunity for sustainable redevelopment is funding,

environmental and public health issues will be addressed via the revitalization of neighborhoods that have previously been stigmatized and adversely impacted by environmental contamination, vacancy, blight, and under-utilization.

Our targeted area of focus consists of 14 census tracts with significantly higher poverty rates, population losses, adverse health outcomes, and struggle with the perception of degraded land impacts on property values. The focus area encompasses the shore of the Arkansas River; the core of downtown Little Rock and the areas hit hardest by the changing economic tides.

C.1.b. Description of the Priority Brownfield Sites

The targeted areas of the FY2026 Community-wide Assessment Grant are in Little Rock and North Little Rock.

East End - Little Rock: The oldest neighborhood in Little Rock, East End is an area of adverse economic and health outcomes with sensitive populations experiencing higher rates of poverty, and higher rates of cancer, asthma, and other health conditions. The neighborhood is bracketed by Arkansas' busiest interstate, I-30, on the west, Arkansas busiest airport, Clinton National, on the east; and Little Rock's heaviest industrialized area splits the residential areas in two

21st Street Corridor: Located in the residential heart of downtown Little Rock centered by the Pettaway neighborhood, which has shined with significant redevelopment and urban infill in the past few years with which our funds have been a contributory factor to the growth. The area lies west of Interstate 30, north of West Roosevelt Road, east of Main Street, and south of Interstate 630.

12th Street Corridor: An area south of Interstate-630 and north of Highway 70 also known as Roosevelt Road. Bordered by the 21st Street Corridor to the east and the University District to the west.

University District: This area has several traditional urban neighborhoods: Broadmoor, College Terrace, Fair Park, Four Corners, Midtown, North Broadmoor, Point O' Woods, South of Asher, University Park, University West, and War Memorial. This area sits at the very heart of traditional Little Rock sitting south of Interstate 630 and mostly north of Asher Avenue, east of Boyle Park Road, and east of South Cedar Street, and bisected by University Avenue and Fair Park Boulevard.

C.1.c. Identifying Additional Sites

Pulaski County's 2019 Brownfield Master Plan has identified a priority site comprised of eight contiguous vacant parcels totaling 32 acres that could bring new investment and hope to the area. The vacant acres were once a cotton oil company, service stations, food additive plant, and storage for public utility. Because of the varied uses of property and the lack of any environmental records, a comprehensive brownfield inventory and planning. Phase I Phase I and Phase II Assessments, and cleanup planning is needed to continue this area's revitalization. The City of

Little Rock has developed a Future Land Use Plan that provides guidance for how land within the city and especially our areas of focus.

C.1.d. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

The redevelopment strategy for the priority sites is rooted in not only the following redevelopment plans but in the ability to build upon the success of the County's past Assessment Grants and current revolving Loan Fund Grant. Pulaski County will use the following planning efforts and strategies that are available:

1. 2019 Pulaski County Brownfield Masterplan: Serves as a guide and road map for prioritizing actions of the Pulaski County. Specific objectives of the Master Plan are:
 - a. Guide community outreach efforts and create an effective communications strategy to engage community stakeholders.
 - b. Identify opportunities in targeted areas of Pulaski County to invest Brownfields Program money and prioritize those opportunities based on community and economic development objectives.
 - c. Identify funding opportunities; and position the Brownfields Program and select projects for receiving that funding.
 - d. Encourage community evaluation of how the Brownfield Program currently implements the Brownfields redevelopment Program and offer recommendations and strategies for optimizing the program's potential.

C.1.e. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy

There is tremendous opportunity for this grant and from mentioned revitalization plans to stimulate economic development and create other positive outcomes in the target areas.

C.1.f. Resources Needed for Site Reuse

This grant would allow our Program to access the more than \$1.7 million dollars RLF funds to provide cleanup and loans for the applicants who receive these funds to conduct the initial site assessments. This grant will serve as the front porch of our larger program.

C.1.g. Use of Existing Infrastructure

Public resources available to Pulaski County for leveraging funding for additional assessment work, if needed, include the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and EPA Targeted Brownfield programs. Pulaski County has used these resources in the past after its own assessment dollars had been exhausted. In terms of public resources for clean-up funding, Pulaski County currently administers a FY16 EPA Revolving Loan Fund Grant (BF01F21201 \$820,000) and has established a program income account (\$1.7 million) for remediation of brownfield sites. The County will in-kind staffing dollars at \$77,000/year to complete grant tasks, which brings Pulaski County's leveraging commitment to \$2.2 million.

C.2.a. The Community's Need for Funding

The need for resources is considerable for the target areas. Years of declining populations and tax bases, coupled with low household incomes, has created local economic conditions that have been stagnant or on declining for decades. Table 1 demonstrates the communities' limited abilities to conduct environmental assessments, remediations or reuse planning. The poverty affects more than twice as many residents in the targeted areas as does the typical American. Employment percentage in the targeted area is ten percent less in the targeted areas compared to the nation or county as a whole. Residents in the targeted areas are much less likely to own their own home. While the median household income of residents of our targeted area is less than half of that of the typical American.

Table 1 Targeted Areas Economic Status

Area	Poverty %	Employment %	Home Ownership Rate	Median Household Income
United States of America	12.8%	60.6%	65.3%	\$81,604.00
State of Arkansas	15.5%	56.5%	67.1%	\$62,106.00
Pulaski County, Arkansas	16.0%	60.1%	56.1%	\$66,456.00
Targeted Areas (Average)	29.7%	50.5%	47.5%	\$35,597.20

Local municipal resources are extremely limited and primarily focused on education and crime initiatives. The data clearly shows that while local, state, and national averages are improving, the grant targeted communities are left behind. Pulaski's Brownfield Program is solely funded through its partnerships with EPA and dedicated to clean-up, leaving assessment funding sorely lacking.

C.2.b. Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations

The selected areas of Little Rock and North Little Rock are home to a population of citizens whose suffer from harmful health effects that exceed the national, state, a county averages, see Table 2 below. The health and welfare impact of those brownfields directly affect these neighborhoods. These Americans have significantly higher rates of Asthma, High Blood Pressure and Heart Disease than their neighbors in other parts of the Country, State or County.

Table 2: Percentage of population living with disability

Area	% living with disability
United States of America	13.7%
State of Arkansas	18.1%
Pulaski County, Arkansas	17.0%
Targeted Area	21.3%

C.2.c Greater than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions

Brownfields can have an increased impact on public health conditions in ways, especially in blighted neighborhoods that suffer from a disproportionate number of brownfield sites. Environmental health issues due to contamination can pollute soil, air, and water resources on- and off-site. Exposure to these hazards by working on the site, by carrying air contamination from the site, or by storm water can increase the risk factor of diseases and adverse health effects like asthma and high blood lead levels. Table 3 demonstrates the higher-than-normal health disparities experienced by those communities.

Table 3 Prevalence of Health Complications

Area	Asthma	High Blood Pressure	Heart Disease
United States of America	9.80	34.40	6.40
State of Arkansas	9.00	43.20	6.40
Pulaski County, Arkansas	10.30	42.20	6.70
Targeted Areas (Combined)	11.75	50.61	8.63

C.2.d. Economically Impoverished/Disproportionately Impacted Populations

The targeted population in the target areas are among the most economically impoverished and are most disproportionately impacted by brownfields in Central Arkansas and the region. As discussed in previous sections, the economic indicators are three to four times below the national average and is experiencing rapid population decline and well below average property values; Table 1 in shows the health disparities are well above national averages. Additionally, the area population has low home ownership.

C.2.e&f Project Involvement and Roles

Pulaski County strongly believes that community involvement is crucial to grant success; and will continue to its successful community involvement plan that ensures project decision-making

has maximum community involvement. The County actively coordinates with project partner's public meetings and presentations to increase brownfield education to residents about program goals, progress, and outputs. As list of community-based organizations involved in brownfields redevelopment is as follows:

Name of entity, organization, or group	Point of Contact (Name & Email)	Specific Involvement in the Project or Assistance Provided
Downtown Little Rock Community Development Corp.	Gwen Gilbert gcoleman@cci-ar.com	Community Partner in the 21st Street Corridor in Little Rock. The CDC will be one of the community liaisons in this target area for the brownfield program and help with site prioritization and community outreach.
Southwest Housing Association, Inc.	Wonder Lowe wonder.lowe@arswh.com	Community Partner in the target area. The organization has partnered with Pulaski County Brownfields on a redevelopment of a large area from a neglected field into homes for those in need.
Better Community Development, Inc.	Sandra Mitchell smitchell@bcdinc.org	Community Partner in the targeted area. This organization has participated in a project with Pulaski County Brownfields on the redevelopment of an historic site in our prime targeted area.

C.2.g Incorporating Community Input

Pulaski County will build upon past grant success to engage the community in site selection and prioritization, which is the most effective use of resources. This has been accomplished through partnering with the project partners listed above. These partnerships are vital because each CBO helped to shape the County's brownfield program. Capitalizing on each of the partner's knowledge and experience to design community communications on project progress, including what outreach efforts offers the most stakeholder engagement, stakeholders will have many opportunities to engage in their brownfield decision-making.

As sites move through the assessment and into the redevelopment phases, residents will be engaged in the progress through their own public meetings, outreach through public meetings and speaking at events. Additionally, all brownfield projects information is readily available to the public at the Pulaski County brownfields office, which is in midtown Little Rock, and via the Pulaski County government website (www.pulaskicounty.net/brownfields).

C.3.a Project Implementation

Task/Activity:

<p>a. Project Implementation: Cooperative Agreement Oversight: Will be conducted by the Pulaski County Brownfields staff and will include but not limited to general grant management, Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) procurement and oversight, ensuring reporting requirements are met, and budget and invoice reconciliation. General grant management will be ongoing through the grant cycle. QEP procurement will be completed within 90 days of award. Progress reports will be submitted quarterly. DBE and Federal Financial Reports submitted annually before October 31 of each year. ACRES updated monthly. Pulaski County staff will be the task lead on all activities.</p>
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Inventory and Community Outreach: Because of the long commercial and industrial history of priority sites in the targeted areas, reasonable steps are required to identify the universe of brownfield sites surrounding them. These tasks expected completion date by the fourth quarter of the grant cycle. The program, project partners and the QEP will conduct community outreach and education to inform and solicit input from stakeholders of the findings and will work with private investment entities to achieve redevelopment plans based on integrated community goals. This activity will be overseen by the County's brownfield program and QEP. Quarterly meetings will be held throughout the grant cycle, and additional public events will occur.

Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs): Environmental assessments for the target areas include conducting Phase I Assessments, Phase II ESA within the areas. Assessments will adhere to the All-Appropriate Inquiry guidelines, applicable ASTM International Standards and environmental liability will be evaluated as it pertains to CERCLA. The EPA will review Quality Assurance Project Plans. Pulaski County will access its RLF Grant funding for any cleanup planning, if required. The first Phase I Assessment is expected to begin before the fifth quarter of the grant. This period allows for the procurement of a QEP, completion of area brownfield inventories, and at least one community meeting.

Planning Activities: The task involves the creation of revitalization plans for both target areas, which will include reuse assessments for each individual property within the areas and how they influence the overall future of our target areas.

<p>b. Anticipated Project Schedule: Quarterly Public meetings, sixteen events in total, Annual Public event, four events in total, Phase I ESA, as needed, Phase II ESA, as needed</p>

<p>c. Task/Activity Lead: Pulaski County staff will lead these activities and oversee the compliance with all grant requirements.</p>
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<p>d. Outputs: Outputs and outcomes specific to each task will be identified as deliverables in the negotiated work plan if the proposal is selected to be awarded. Outcomes will include an</p>

9	Total Direct Costs****	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,500	\$ 277,620	\$ 10,880	\$ 0.00	\$ 300,000.00
10	Indirect Costs*****	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
11	Total Budget	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,500	\$ 277,620	\$ 10,880	\$ 0.00	\$ 300,000.00

C.3.f. | Plan to Measure and Evaluate Environmental Progress and Results

Travel: \$8,380. Estimated two staff members traveling to three conferences (two regional, one national) averaging four days each; \$400/flight, \$50 per person for ground transportation per conference, \$300 per hotel room per night, and \$55/ day per diem per person.

Contractual: \$290,620. Research current property records and ASTM regulatory regulations searches and creating databases; create property metrics to track databases and use to formulate GIS maps.

Supplies: \$1,000. Includes rental fees for meeting space, printed materials, and publishing for quarterly meetings.

C.4.a. | Organizational Capacity

Pulaski County Brownfields has the organizational capacity to oversee the grant tasks/activities and would successfully conduct and manage the grant's programmatic, administrative, and financial requirements. Pulaski County Brownfields would be able to coordinate and facilitate the grant if given the opportunity because of its long history of successfully overseeing grants in the past.

C.4.b. | Organizational Structure

Pulaski County Brownfields has a resolute staff who works to oversee the agreement.

C.4.c. | Description of Key Staff

Jason Kennedy, Brownfield Administrator-Mr. Kennedy has two years of experience in grant management, program administration, and development. He will provide overall grant management during and after the four-year grant period, and will be responsible for oversight of contractor procurement, financial reporting, interfacing with other federal state agencies and actively pursuing additional leveraging opportunities.

C.4.d. | Acquiring Additional Resources

The program will retain environmental consultants to conduct assessments and clean-up planning. The environmental consultants will be retained through a qualifications-based selection process that complies with the applicable federal procurement regulations. The consultant will be experienced with EPA Community-Wide Assessment grant requirements and traditional standards.

C.4.e.1 | Accomplishments

Pulaski County has accomplished all assessments and RLF grant outcomes and outputs by leveraging \$78,000,000 in redevelopment projects in the grant targeted areas. Our team has completed projects that have created jobs both in terms of construction and permanent; completed around 100 Phase I and Phase II ESAs; mentored fellow Region 6 grantees; and was honored with a Region 6 Phoenix Award for Brownfield Redevelopment for the Our House Children's Center Project.

C.4.e.2. | Compliance with Grant Requirements

Pulaski County has developed work plans and successfully negotiated Cooperative Agreements with the U.S. EPA for each of the grants. The program submitted and received approval for project QAPPs; complied with quarterly reporting and annual financial status reporting requirements; and has successfully submitted project completion, site information, and grant data to the U.S. EPA via the ACRES databases for all grants.

C.4.f.1. | Purpose and Accomplishments

The following descriptions are for the three most recent US EPA Brownfield grants received by the PCBP: 1) \$4,050,000 FY05 US EPA Revolving Loan Fund Grant (Closed). Loans totaling more than \$2 million dollars and sub-grants made under the cooperative agreement: using these funds for 90% loans and 10% grants. This grant was successfully closed in 2017.

2) \$820,000 FY16 US EPA Revolving Loan Fund Grant: Pulaski County is active in program participation through outreach initiatives and has reached work plan milestones.

3) \$300,000 FY21 US EPA Assessment Grant (closed March 2025): using this grant, our program provided thirty (30) Phase I and Phase II ESA for Pulaski County. Our program utilized more than 90% of the grant funding before running out of time. This assessment led to additional cleanup projects and preparing the sites for commercial and recreational redevelopment.

C.4.f.2. | Compliance with Grant Requirements

Pulaski County has developed a history of compliance with the requirements of work plans through the multiple decades of coordinated work between Pulaski County Brownfields, the state of Arkansas Brownfield Program, and the US EPA.

C.4.g. | Never Received Any Type of Federal or Non-Federal Financial Assistance Agreements

We have received multiple grants previously

Threshold Criteria

1.a. | Applicant Eligibility

Pulaski County Government is the governing body of the County of Pulaski, Arkansas and is a general-purpose unit of local government as defined in 40 CFR Part 31. Therefore, Pulaski County is eligible for a Community-wide Assessment Grant per eligibility criteria as prescribed in Section 2.B.(1) of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-25-04.

Pulaski County was formed in 1819, as part of and by the Territory Authority of Missouri. The county as it currently is configured was created under and by the laws of the State of Arkansas and operates as a full legal political subdivision of the state with the authority to govern, levy taxes, and enter into binding legal agreements, including federal grant cooperative agreements as is normal for such entities. Pulaski County has the legal authority to exercise legitimate police power to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. This police power encompasses all the activities necessary to identify and assess brownfield sites that pose a threat to public health. Pulaski County will function as the grant recipient if awarded and will administer the grant as described in the grant application guidelines.

Documentation of applicant eligibility

Pulaski County has a Unique Entity Identifier Q5GWFEKZ6QR371-6006487 registered with SAM.gov. We declare as a self-evident political entity and unit of local governance that we are eligible under the specific eligibility criteria described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-25-04.

1.b. | Exemption Under 501(c)(4)

2. | Community Involvement

Pulaski County has a strong history of bringing the community into our project. Often involving the community directly into our ongoing Brownfields Program actions. Pulaski County absolutely believes that community involvement is critical to a successful program and for optimum grant execution. Pulaski County is determined to continue utilizing an aggressive plan of involving our community partners to ensure project decision-making has maximum community participation. We actively coordinate with various project partner's public meetings and hosts community awareness activities to both increase community awareness of and participation in our Brownfields Program. Pulaski County engages local churches and schools to advocate and inform the larger community of public benefits of and utility of the Brownfields Program.

Pulaski County will announce its grant award to the community in a press release on the County's website, social media accounts, and the local media. Pulaski County will collaborate closely with local community and faith-based organizations in educating target communities about the assessment program. In addition, all community involvement will be coordinated with the Pulaski County Title VI Officer to ensure community engagement, particularly in areas where sensitive populations require presentations.

3. | Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds

I affirm that my organization does not have an open EPA Brownfields Assessment nor Multipurpose Grant.

4. | Contractors and Named Subrecipients

Pulaski County does not have a contract with a subrecipient, thus there are no solicitation documents available to provide. Pulaski County does not intend to pursue this approach.