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Nome Common Council
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Re: \$2M EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Nome Common Council,

I work for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC's) Brownfields Program. Brownfields funding helps communities redevelop underused or abandoned properties where contamination may be hampering redevelopment. Our funding program can help provide planning, site assessment, and cleanup services to help address contamination issues and redevelop properties for public reuse. Every year, we help about 10 communities across Alaska move their brownfields projects forward through site-specific technical assistance and fieldwork.

This fall, the DEC Brownfields Program has the opportunity to apply for an EPA brownfields assessment grant (up to \$2 million). This application would require us to identify three target areas across the state and five priority sites on which to conduct site-specific work. We are hoping to include Nome as a target area and work with the City to identify one or more sites that are priorities for the City where brownfields funding could help spur the reuse and redevelopment of underutilized properties in your community.

I will be in Nome on July 15th and 19th for other business but would love to schedule a meeting with you and members of the City governance team to discuss this grant opportunity and other DEC Brownfield funding programs that could help support Nome's efforts to address its brownfield sites. Thank you for your time and consideration. Looking forward to working with the City of Nome on this and other brownfields projects in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (907) 465-5368 or Flannery.ballard@alaska.gov

Sincerely,

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cc: Marc Thomas, ADEC, via email