

Public Comment

Comment on FY23 Federal Brownfields Grant Funds open until November 22, 2022

The Bay Mills Indian Community will be submitting a grant request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act (P.L. 115-141), requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to publish guidance for grants to assess and clean up brownfield sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofit organizations to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites.

Part of the grant requirements involves community notification. This will allow the community an opportunity to comment on the draft application. Included in this will be a draft Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) which summarizes the site and contamination issues, cleanup alternatives considered and proposed cleanup.

The project information must be published, and insight from our community members is encouraged.

The tribe proposes using the funds for cleaning up environmental contamination at Chippewa Landing including petroleum, asbestos and lead paint contamination.

Funding is available up to \$500,000, with no required cost match.

If you would like to submit comments regarding this project, please send them to Jen Parks, jmparks@baymills.org by 4 p.m. on November 14, 2022. Written comments can also be dropped off to Jen Parks at the Tribal Administration Office. The draft application and draft ABCA are available at the Tribal Administration Office for review during normal business hours. A public meeting to discuss the application and to consider public comments will be held at the Tribal Office Conference Room, located at 12140 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley, MI 49715, on November 8 from 11:30 am – 1:30pm.