

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-736

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 8, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: October 9, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates a \$300,000.00 grant award from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfields Assessment Cooperative Agreement to provide funding to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct cleanup planning and community involvement related activities on Brownfields sites in the Downtown Urban Core, LaVilla, McCoys Creek, Eastside, and Springfield neighborhoods, as initiated by B.T. 19-124; provides for a carryover of funds into subsequent fiscal years; approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and corporation secretary to execute and deliver the cooperative agreement between the City and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and provides for the Planning And Development Department to oversee the project.

Background Information: The Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Program offers financial assistance through grants, cooperative agreements, and loans to assist eligible entities with cleanup of brownfield sites. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Grant funds are issued on a reimbursement basis and shall carryover into subsequent years. The grant begins October 1, 2019 and ends September 30, 2022. The funds will assist with pollution assessments in Downtown Urban Core, LaVilla, McCoys Creek, Eastside, and Springfield neighborhoods.

Policy Impact Area: Brownfields assessment and cleanup program

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of a \$300,000.00 grant award, as initiated by B.T. 19-124.

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