



Fact Sheet

Orphan Site Cleanup Fund

The Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF) is a grant program within the Division of Financial Assistance. The OSCF Program provides financial assistance to eligible applicants for the cleanup of sites contaminated by leaking petroleum underground storage tanks (USTs) where there is no financially responsible party, and the applicant is not an eligible claimant to the UST Cleanup Fund.

RECENT UPDATES:

The law has changed the eligibility criteria for OSCF grants and the maximum grant amount. The OSCF program is no longer limited to brownfield sites. In addition, the maximum amount of grant monies available for an eligible occurrence has been reduced from \$1.5 million to \$1 million for any grant application filed on or after January 1, 2015. Grant applications filed before January 1, 2015 may receive up to \$1.5 million in grant monies. These provisions of Senate Bill 445 (Hill, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2014) became effective September 25, 2014 as an urgency measure, and can be found at: http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0401-0450/sb_445_bill_20140925_chaptered.pdf.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The grantee must meet eligibility requirements. The more substantive requirements include:

- Grantee is not eligible for the UST Cleanup Fund.
- Grantee did not cause or contribute to release.
- Grantee has no affiliation with a person who caused or contributed to the release.
- Principal source of contamination is from a petroleum UST.
- No financially responsible party has been identified to pay for the cleanup costs.

All interested parties seeking OSCF grants must complete and submit an OSCF application for review.

ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP GRANTS:

OSCF grants are available for site assessment and cleanup.

Assessment grants: Provide funding for response actions that characterize, assess, and investigate an unauthorized release from a petroleum UST. These actions include a preliminary site assessment and soil and water investigation and the preparation of a corrective action plan in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 16, Article 11. Assessment grants may also provide funding for UST system removal, free product removal, and soil excavation, not to exceed 500 cubic yards at the eligible site.

Cleanup grants: Provide funding for response actions that carry out cleanup activities and include implementing a corrective action plan and verification monitoring, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 16, Article 11. If a corrective action plan is required, the State Water Board cannot award a cleanup grant to an applicant until the applicant demonstrates the corrective action plan is complete and approved by the regulatory agency overseeing the response actions at the eligible site, but the applicant may apply for a cleanup grant before completion and approval of the corrective action plan.

Applicants can file one OSCF application requesting both an assessment and a cleanup grant.



PRIORITY LIST:

All eligible applicants are placed on the OSCF Priority List based on the date the application was received. Grant funding is based on availability of funds.

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