

# GENERAL

## Ordinance Fact Sheet

**140570**

**Ordinance Number**

**Brief Title:**

Approving brownfields subgrant to Jackson County for assessment of Rock Island Rail Corridor

**Approval Deadline:**

**Reason:**

To approve subgrant of federal assessment grant funds to prepare for redevelopment.

**Details**

<p><b>Reason for Legislation</b></p> <p>Approving a Kansas City Brownfields Assessment Coalition subgrant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to Jackson County, Missouri, for environmental assessment of the Rock Island Rail Corridor, authorizing the Director of City Development to execute the subgrant agreement and authorizing further acts.</p>
<p><b>Discussion</b> <i>(including relationship to other Council actions)</i></p> <p>Ordinance approves a subgrant to Jackson County, Missouri for a subgrant of \$150,000 of federal brownfield grant funds for environmental assessment of the Rock Island Rail Corridor. The federal grant funds come from an award of \$871,500 to the City by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), federal cooperative agreement no. BF-97722301. This grant was accepted by Committee Substitute for Ord. No. 100595.</p> <p>The Ordinance also authorizes the Director of City Planning to enter into a subgrant agreement with Jackson County to convey the subgrant funds. The City is authorized by federal cooperative agreement no. BF-97722301 to subgrant funds from its federal award. EPA has provided a preliminary indication that Jackson County is an eligible recipient of funds, and has determined the project and proposed use of funds to eligible under the grants. The subgrant agreement will incorporate all applicable terms and conditions of the federal cooperative agreement and will be reviewed and approved by EPA prior to execution.</p>

**Positions / Recommendations**

<p><b>Sponsor(s)</b></p>	
<p><b>Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected</b></p>	
<p><b>Applicants/Proponents</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>City Department Planning &amp; Development</p> <p>Other</p>
<p><b>Opponents</b></p>	<p><b>Groups or Individuals</b></p> <p><b>Basis of Opposition</b></p>
<p><b>Staff Recommendation</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> For</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Against</p> <p><b>Reasons Against:</b></p>
<p><b>Board or Commission Recommendation</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For, with revisions or conditions</p>
<p><b>Council Committee Action</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Do Pass</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do Pass (as amended)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Committee Substitute</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Recommendation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hold</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Pass</p>

**Details****Policy / Program Impact**

<p>The Ordinance approves a subgrant of up to \$150,000 Jackson County for Phase II environmental site assessment of the Rock Island Rail Corridor. The EPA brownfields grant, the source of the subgrant, was awarded to the Kansas City Brownfields Assessment Coalition. The Coalition members include the City, as the grant recipient and lead agency; Jackson County, Missouri; and the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of Kansas City, MO (LCRA).</p> <p>In public meetings held August 17, 2011 and April 20, 2012, Coalition members approved using up to \$150,000 of Coalition funds for environmental assessment of the Rock Island Rail Corridor to facilitate acquisition, and regional transit and trail development. In another public meeting held June 18, 2014, Coalition members approved the subgrant to Jackson County.</p> <p>No local match funds are required by the federal cooperative agreement. However, the subgrant requires Jackson County to pay the entire cost of the Phase II assessment above the subgrant amount.</p> <p><b><u>Is it good for the children?</u></b></p> <p>Yes. The proposed ordinance will facilitate the cleanup and beneficial reuse of a prominent and blighted brownfield property within Jackson County that is known to contain contaminants that could potentially negatively impact the children of our community.</p> <p><b><u>How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?</u></b></p> <p>Brownfield redevelopment promotes the beneficial reuse of underutilized and pollution impacted properties. Brownfield redevelopment capitalizes on previously depreciated capital investment and infrastructure, promotes environmental cleanup, and improves neighborhoods in which the property is located. The ordinance directly furthers these goals.</p>		<b>Policy or Program Change</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<b>Operational Impact Assessment</b>	
		<b>Finances</b>	
		<b>Cost and Revenue Projections</b>	<b>Cost of Legislation</b> \$100,000  <b>Increase/Decrease in Revenue Expected Annually</b>
		<b>Fund Sources</b>	

**Applicable Dates:****Fact Sheet Prepared By:**

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**Reference Numbers:** Committee Substitute for Ord. No. 100595