



# Rogue Valley

## Site Reuse and Revitalization Program

The Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) in partnership with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been managing a Rogue Valley site reuse and revitalization program since 2016. The program to date has assisted with the revitalization of 13 properties in Jackson and Josephine Counties. In 2022, the program was recapitalized with an additional \$500K in EPA funding. The program's current focus is the revitalization of underutilized properties that address 2020 Almeda Wildfire impacts.

### Does Your Property Qualify?

The program is looking to assist owners/operators of properties that are not being used to their full potential and that face barriers to redevelopment such as real or perceived environmental issues.

Investment in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped and agricultural land, and both improves and protects the environment.



#### Opportunities for Property Owners:

- Increase property value.
- Access monetary and technical property assessment assistance.
- Grants/loans may be available for cleanup and redevelopment.
- Each step toward cleanup leverages financing and development interest.

#### Opportunities for the Community:

- Have a voice in shaping the future of your community.
- Enhance livability for all, particularly those impacted by the Almeda Wildfire.
- Improve housing affordability and attract businesses that bring new jobs.

*Every dollar in EPA grant funding leverages \$20.43 in private investment.*



## Frequently Asked Questions:

*Why should I conduct an environmental assessment of my property?*

- To help facilitate the sale of your property or secure a construction loan. Banks typically require an environmental assessment before lending.
- Assessments can be the first step on the path to increasing a property's market value by eliminating environmental unknowns.
- An assessment can help owners who are redeveloping their own property or repurposing an existing building plan for unexpected contingencies like the discovery of contaminated soil or asbestos in building materials.
- An environmental assessment can verify that a property is not contaminated.

*What kinds of properties are potentially eligible **for program participation**?*

- Public and privately owned properties
- Underutilized, vacant, and undeveloped properties
- Properties with known or perceived environmental concerns

*What activities can the grant pay for?*

- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments
- Regulated Building Material (Lead Paint/Asbestos) Surveys
- Cleanup Planning
- Redevelopment Planning/Market Analysis/Pro Forma

*What activities does the grant NOT pay for?*

- Environmental assessment or cleanup work already completed
- Cleanup (soil remediation, groundwater treatment, etc.) and demolition
- Property purchase

*How long will the funds be available?*

- Funds are available on a first come first served basis until at least the fall of 2026



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