



The Dry Cleaning Establishment Remediation Fund is administered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). This program provides grants to eligible dry cleaning business operators and landlords for the assessment, containment or clean-up of pollution resulting from releases of tetrachloroethylene, Stoddard solvent, or other chemicals used for dry cleaning to the environment. The grants may also be used for measures undertaken to prevent such pollution, and for providing drinking water when necessary.

Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ The applicant for remediation funds must:
 - Be current in filing any state and federal taxes and the dry cleaning establishment surcharge returns imposed by CGS Section 12-263m.
 - Prove that the affected establishment is using or has previously used tetrachloroethylene, (commonly referred to as “Perc”) or Stoddard solvent.
 - Be in business at least one year prior to the application for assistance.
 - Be the current operator or owner of the establishment.
 - Certify that there are no outstanding litigation proceedings involving the applicant and/or his/her representatives.
 - Identify the responsible party to complete the site investigation and remediation and the funding source to complete the project for costs over and above approved state funding.

Evaluation Criteria

- ◆ Grant applications are evaluated based on the following:
 - Risk to public health,
 - Magnitude of the problem,
 - Effectiveness of proposal (cost and environmental effectiveness),
 - Date of application, and
 - Availability of funds.

Grant Size Restriction

- An initial application to the fund cannot exceed \$100,000 and no dry cleaning establishment shall receive more than \$300,000 from the fund.
- All dry cleaning establishments are to bear the first \$10,000 in costs for a given project.

How to Apply

To apply for a remediation grant, contact the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).



- ◆ **Program Administrator** – [Brian Dillon](#) at (860) 270-8156, or
- ◆ **Project Manager** – [Donald Friday](#) at (860) 270-8063, or
- ◆ **Program Assistant** – [Michelle Lugo](#) (860) 270-8052

- Applications are invited twice a year.
- **Application Deadlines are the last Friday of March and August by NOON.**

To print copies of Guidelines and Eligibility Requirements; Instructions and Application; Project Financing Plan and Budget and other materials, please visit the DECD web page at:
<http://www.ctbrownfields.gov/ctbrownfields/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&q=319328>

2004 Garment Care Fact Sheets (Remediation Fund updated March 2010)

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