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CDFA Brownfields Project Response Team Visits Tulsa, OK —Provides Financing Recommendations to Advance Revitalization Project—

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is excited to announce their Brownfields Project Response Team visit to the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A team comprised of CDFA staff and technical assistance providers traveled to Tulsa to visit the Evans-Fintube site, a site whose former uses include a foundry, a metal recycling facility, and a storage yard. The site is adjacent to a rail yard and contains two remaining industrial buildings and two vacant lots. During the three day visit, the Team had an opportunity to tour the Evans-Fintube site and work with city officials and local stakeholders to investigate financing opportunities to redevelop Evans-Fintube.

"The technical assistance offered through CDFA's Project Response Team was valuable in teasing out additional financing opportunities for the site that we hadn't considered," said City of Tulsa Director of Development Clay Bird. "We're happy to have a Roadmap that outlines steps that we can take now to ensure that this project, which is so catalytic for our revitalization efforts, comes to fruition in the next few years."

The Team's visit to Tulsa was the second of 36 visits the team plans to make over the course of the five-year program funded by the U.S. EPA. Communities interested in being considered for a Project Response Team site visit are required to enroll in the CDFA Brownfields Project Marketplace.

"The City asked us to provide realistic financing recommendations for the site that are attainable within a reasonable amount time," said CDFA Program Manager, Emily Moser. "The City of Tulsa brought multiple staff and stakeholders to the table to assist us in identifying a variety of financing opportunities. These actionable recommendations will assist the community in accessing the appropriate financing tools for the redevelopment of the Evans-Fintube site, which we believe has potential to become a vibrant new destination for the surrounding Tulsa community."

The full CDFA "Evans-Fintube Roadmap to Redevelopment" report can be viewed here: Evans-Fintube Roadmap to Redevelopment.

The **CDFA Brownfields Technical Assistance Program** is funded by a grant from the U.S. EPA to provide assistance to communities throughout the country that are looking to finance the redevelopment of brownfield sites. CDFA will provide education, resources, research and networking on revolving loan funds, tax incentives, tax increment finance and other tools available for redevelopment finance. >>> **Program Fact Sheet**

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