MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor Coffey and Members of the Yakima City Council

From: Ana Cortez, Assistant City Manager

Date: June 5, 2018

Subj: Center for Creative Land Recycling

After preliminary conversations among the members of the Economic Development Committee, staff requests Council consideration to convene a one-day training in Yakima in collaboration with the Center For Creative Land Recycling.

Venue related expenses (if any) will be covered through the Economic Development Budget (Fund 250).

The Center for Creative Land Recycling (The Center)[1] is the leading national nonprofit dedicated to transforming communities through land recycling. This means converting abandoned or vacant commercial and industrial properties to assets that benefit the community, create jobs and generate new tax revenues. The Center helps transformations happen by educating and convening communities, government agencies, and the private sector to create optimal conditions for reinvestment. Over the past 20 years, they have assisted in bringing millions of dollars in grants to places across the U.S. and trained nearly 10,000 community-oriented specialists through professional workshops.

Staff requests consideration from City Council to allow us to partner with the Center; such partnership implies the following commitments:

CITY OF YAKIMA	CENTER
Venue	Provide speakers
Welcome guests	Staff workshops and presentations
Guest list	Provide meals
	Manage RSVP and registration

A proposed agenda is as follows:

10:00-10:30	Welcome Remarks by City Council/Mayor
10:30-12:00	Strengths and Weaknesses of Developing Land in Washington State Case in Point: The Mill Site in Yakima
12:00-1:30	Lunch/network
1:30-4:00	Funding Mix for Large Development

[1] https://www.cclr.org/

	Case Study review Financing development

Staff recommends this partnership with the Center as a strategy to create interest and a network of thinkers that may benefit the development of the Mill Site. The City understands the complexity of developing the Mill Site due to lack of control over the site, soil condition, size and long term goals. Staff hopes that through such convening's, the City will enhance its thinking about how to develop the Mill Site and thus respond to Council's prioritization of this development.

Proposed Logistics:

Target number of guests:	50-80
Dates:	8/14
Potential guests include:	Yakima County economic development local community, developers, real estate representatives, greater Yakima County economic development community and regional elected officials.
Venue:	Convention Center or Harman Center

The following are examples of workshops The Center has scheduled for 2018:

The 9th Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop . Wednesday, May 23, 2018
CCLR is a proud industry partner of the Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast (BCONE) event Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop (NSCW) 2018, at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, New Jersey, on May 23, 2018. The conference brings together experts and attendees to discuss the most current and state of the art approaches and strategies that you probably will not hear anywhere else.

3rd Annual NYS Redevelopment Summit: Keys to Successful Brownfield Redevelopment in 2018 and Beyond . Wednesday, June 13, 2018
This one-of-a-kind event brings together elected officials, planners, economic development specialists, community groups, redevelopment professionals, developers, remediation experts and public agencies in one place. Hear about trends, funding and best practices to stay competitive.

Powering Up Landfills, Greyfields & Brownfields as Brightfields. Tuesday, June 19, 2018
A power-packed one day informational and interactive event will include a dynamic in-person meeting mixer connecting landowners directly to solar developers!

National Brownfields Leadership Summit. Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Brownfields redevelopment goes to Washington

The Center works with local governments to identify resources that can be catalysts of economic development. In the State of Washington, they have identified the following funding opportunities:

Washington Integrated Planning Grant
Integrated Planning Grants from the Washington Dept. of Ecology provide up to $200,000 to local governments without requiring local matching funds. These grants allow local governments to conduct due diligence on a brownfield site and create a well-developed strategy for cleanup and redevelopment before investing local funds. Contact Alan Bogner 360-407-7188 or alan.bogner@ecy.wa.gov.

Remedial Action Grants and Loans
The Department of Ecology offers a number of grants and loans to local governments to facilitate the cleanup of publicly owned lands contaminated with hazardous substances and to lessen the impact of such cleanups on local ratepayers. Eligible costs under the various programs include investigation and cleanup, actions to protect groundwater and drinking water from contamination, assessment of site hazards, and cleanup of derelict vessels. 2013 legislation changed the requirements of a number of these programs; contact Connie Rivera at connie.rivera@commerce.wa.gov or (360) 725-3088.

U.S. EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs) - Region 10
EPA Region 10 provides Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBAs) which are designed to inventory, characterize, and assess brownfield sites using EPA contractors. Local governments, nonprofits, and quasi-governmental agencies are eligible to apply for any site where redevelopment is planned. The TBA program is open for requests year round. Contact Joanne LaBaw at 206-553-2594 or labaw.joanne@epa.gov for more information.

U.S. EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program
Under the EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities program, CCLR provides in-kind technical assistance and training to communities and other stakeholders on brownfields issues with the goal of increasing the community's understanding and involvement in brownfield cleanup and revitalization. The TAB grants serve as an independent source of information assisting communities with community involvement, better understanding the health impacts of brownfield sites, science and technology relating to brownfield site assessment, remediation, and site preparation activities, brownfield finance questions, and information on integrated approaches to brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. Contact Ignacio Dayrit at 415-398-1080 x107 or ignacio.dayrit@cclr.org.

U.S. EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grants
This grant program provides funding to recipients to conduct research, technical assistance and training that will result in an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for key brownfield sites, which will help inform the assessment, cleanup and reuse of brownfields properties and promote area-wide revitalization. Funding is directed to specific areas, such as a neighborhood, downtown district, local commercial corridor, or city block, affected by a single large or multiple brownfield sites. State, local, and tribal governments; quasi-governmental entities; and nonprofits are eligible to apply for up to $200,000. Funding is usually available every 1-2 years, with a deadline in the late summer/fall. Contact your regional EPA staff (listed under the "Contacts" tab) for more information.

U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants
Assessment grants provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to areas affected by brownfields. These grants are available to state, local, and tribal governments and quasi-governmental entities. Up to $150,000 each is available per site, or for areas affected by hazardous substances or petroleum contamination, with larger amounts with a waiver or for a coalition of applicants. The RFP is

released annually, generally during the fall. Contact your regional EPA staff (listed under the "Contacts" tab) for more information.

U.S. EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grants
Cleanup grants provide funding for a grant recipient to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. These grants are available annually, and are available to state, local, and tribal governments; quasi-governmental entities; and nonprofits. The applicant must own the site. Up to $200,000 is available per site, and the grant requires a 20% cost share. The RFP is released annually, generally during the fall. Contact your regional EPA staff (listed under the "Contacts" tab) for more information.

U.S. Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants
Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grants provide funding for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. When loans are repaid, the loan amount is returned into the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing an ongoing source of capital within a community. Eligible applicants include state, local, and tribal governments and quasi-governmental entities. Up to $1,000,000 is available with a 20% cost share requirement, and at least 60% of the total amount must be used for the RLF. The RFP is released annually, generally during the fall. Contact your regional EPA staff (listed under the "Contacts" tab) for more information.

U.S. EPA Environmental Workforce Development & Job Training Grants
Annual Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants provide funding recruit, train, and place predominantly low-income and minority, unemployed and under-employed people living in areas affected by solid and hazardous waste. Nonprofits; local, state, and tribal governments; colleges and universities; and quasi-governmental entities are eligible to apply for up to $200,000. The RFP is generally released at the beginning of every year. Contact your regional EPA staff (listed under the "Contacts" tab) for more information.

U.S. EPA Greening America's Communities
Greening America's Communities is a program to help state capitals develop an implementable vision of environmentally friendly neighborhoods that incorporate innovative green infrastructure strategies. Through the EPA-HUD-DOT Partnership for Sustainable Communities, EPA funds a team of designers to visit each city to produce schematic designs and exciting illustrations intended to catalyze or complement a larger planning process for the pilot neighborhood. Additionally, these pilots are often the testing ground for citywide actions, such as changes to local codes and ordinances to better support sustainable growth and green infrastructure. The design team and EPA, HUD, and DOT staff also assist city staff in developing specific implementation strategies. Contact Clark Wilson at wilson.clark@epa.gov or 202-566-2880. The Request for Letters of Interest can be found at www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/pdf/greencapitals/gac-request-for-letters-of-int...

Funders' Network - Partners for Places
Partners for Places is a matching grant program that creates opportunities for cities and counties to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. The grant program will provide partnership investments between $25,000 and $75,000 for one year projects, or $50,000 and $150,000 for two year projects, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations. Applications are usually due in late summer. Contact Ann Wallace at 617-524-9239 or ann@fundersnetwork.org for more information.