

US EPA OFFICE OF BROWNFIELDS AND LAND REVITALIZATION

Brownfield Grants and Technical Assistance

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Overview

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- *Types of Grants:*
 - ▣ Assessment grants
 - ▣ Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grants
 - ▣ Cleanup grants
 - ▣ Environmental Workforce Development Job Training (EWDJT)
 - ▣ Area-Wide Planning (AWP) grants

- *Technical Assistance:*
 - ▣ Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)
 - ▣ Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)
 - ▣ Other Research, Training and Technical Assistance Grantees

Assessment Grants

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- Provide funding to plan, inventory and assess brownfields, conduct community involvement, and cleanup/redevelopment planning.

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - General purpose units of local government
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies

- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 to assess properties contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and/or \$200,000 for petroleum sites
 - For site-specific proposals, may seek waiver of \$200,000 limit and request up to \$350,000
 - Up to \$1 M for assessment coalition (past few years \$600k max)
 - Award ~150 grants annually

Revolving Loan Fund Grants

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- Provides funding to capitalize a revolving loan fund that provides loans and subgrants to carry out cleanup of brownfield sites.

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - General purpose units of local government
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies

- Funding:
 - Up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity
 - Funds may be used to address properties contaminated hazardous substances and/or petroleum
 - Requires a 20% cost share
 - Award ~10 RLFs annually; also provide Supplemental funding to ~30 existing high performing RLFs

Cleanup Grants

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- Provide funding for remediation of brownfields.

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - General purpose units of local government
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies
 - Non-profit organizations

*Applicants must own the property at time of proposal submission

- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 per site (total of 3 sites)
 - Requires a 20% cost share
 - Award ~80 grants annually

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants

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- Provides funding to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of communities affected by solid and hazardous waste to facilitate cleanup of contaminated properties and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field.
- Expanded to support training in various environmental programs across EPA (such as solid waste, Superfund, brownfields, emergency response, waste and stormwater, chemical safety, etc...).
- Who is eligible?
 - States, counties, municipalities, Tribes, and U.S. Territories
 - Colleges and universities
 - Community job training organizations
 - Non-profit training centers and Workforce Investment Boards
- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 each
 - Award ~16 grants annually

Area-Wide Planning

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- Provides assistance for community involvement, and research into reuse planning.
 - Applicants select an area affected by brownfields (e.g., a neighborhood, district, city block, corridor, etc) & identify their catalyst, high priority sites (usually @ 1-5 sites)
 - grant funds used to conduct research into existing conditions and community involvement activities that will lead to development of an area-wide plan, which includes implementation strategies (next steps and resources needed)
- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - General purpose units of local government
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies
 - Non-profit organizations
- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000
 - Award ~20 grants every other year

Technical Assistance

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- ❑ Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)
- ❑ Technical Assistance for Brownfields Communities (TAB)
- ❑ Other Research, Training and Technical Assistance Grantees

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

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Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)

- EPA performs environmental assessment for a community using contractor
- Requested by communities, non-competitive
- Especially useful for small and rural communities as well as environmental justice communities
- Requests are accepted by regions on a rolling basis

Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)

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Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)

- ❑ Provides geographically-based technical assistance to communities and other stakeholders on brownfield issues.
- ❑ Available to help guide communities through the cleanup and redevelopment process. TAB grantees can offer:
 - help in preparing grant proposals,
 - developing a brownfield program and getting started,
 - performing site inventories,
 - reviewing historical information,
 - assisting with the design of the investigation/sampling/field analysis,
 - and cleanup and redevelopment planning

TAB Providers:

- ❑ New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)—EPA Regions 1 and 3
- ❑ Kansas State University (KSU)—EPA Regions 5, 6, 7 and 8
- ❑ Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)—EPA Regions 2, 4, 9, 10

Other Research, Training and Technical Assistance Grants

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Research, Training, Technical Assistance Grants

- 4 grantees will be working with communities over the next 5 years
 - Council of Development Finance Agencies – brownfields finance issues
 - HMTRI – resource for EWDJT grantees
 - Virginia Tech – research on brownfields benefits
 - Groundwork USA – equitable development

Questions?

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