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U.S. EPA REGIONS 8, 9 & 10

SUMMER 2012

Looking ahead...

July 12, 2012:
[Brownfields 101 webinar.](#)

August 16, 2012:
[Assessment grant proposal webinar.](#)

August 23, 2012: [Cleanup grant proposal webinar.](#)

August 30, 2012:
[Revolving Loan Fund grant proposal webinar.](#)

August/September 2012:
[Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup \(ARC\) grant guidelines](#) will be released.

Summer/Fall 2012:
[EPA Area-wide planning grant request for proposals](#) will be issued.

Fall 2012: Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup (ARC) grants submission deadline.

May 15-17, 2013: Save the Date - [National Brownfields Conference](#), Atlanta, GA.



Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant Recipients Announced



EPA announced \$10.2 million in new Brownfields grants to Regions 8, 9, and 10 to assess, clean up and redevelop contaminated properties, boost local economies and create jobs while protecting public health. The 27 western region grantees include communities in ten states, funded by EPA's Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), and Cleanup (ARC) grants and RLF Supplemental Grants. [View the recipient list.](#)

Multi-Purpose Pilot and Environmental Workforce and Job Training Grants Announced

EPA announced over \$1 million in grants to the western regions that can be used to assess and clean up contaminated sites through a new multi-purpose grant approach. Recipients include Missoula County, Montana; Mt. Shasta, California; and Astoria, Oregon. Through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) program, EPA will award \$1 million to five recipients in the western regions. [Read about the Multi-Purpose and EWDJT announcements.](#)

2012 Western Region Grant Recipients in the News

- **Missoula, Montana**, receives \$679K for Brownfields cleanup.
- **Dubois, Wyoming**, receives \$200,000 for sawmill site cleanup.
- The Colfax Mainstreet Coalition received \$900,000 to address contamination on **Lakewood** and **Denver's** Colfax Avenue.
- **Oregon** local governments receive \$2.1 million in Brownfields assessment and revolving loan fund supplemental grants.
- **Utah** receives \$1.6 million to assess and clean up sites.
- **City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado**, receives a \$400,000 grant to conduct assessments.
- Three Arizona communities, **Flagstaff, Yuma and the White Mountain Apache Tribe**, were awarded a total of \$1.3 million in EPA Brownfields grant funds.
- \$1.2 million will be split among the cities of **San Francisco, Emeryville, Chico and Grass Valley, California**, to assess and clean up contaminated properties.
- Two **Washington** local governments share \$600,000 in cleanup and assessment EPA Brownfields funding.
- \$1 million in supplemental Brownfields revolving loan funds will go to **Humboldt County, the City of Sacramento and California's Department of Toxic Substances Control** for cleanup.
- EPA awards \$200,000 to the **Standing Rock Sioux Tribe** for cleanup of Smee School Teacher's Facility in the Wakapala Community
- EPA awards \$200,000 to the **Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe** for cleanup.



Missoula County received a \$279,000 multipurpose grant to conduct asbestos assessment and cleanup at Missoula County Courthouse. Photo Courtesy of Missoula County.

Pictured top left: EPA Regional Administrator Jim Martin presented \$1.6 million in Brownfields grants to several entities in Utah.

Brownfields Progress: An Update from the Western Regions



Little Tokyo Service Center, Los Angeles, CA, holds a ground breaking for an affordable housing development and Pilipino Workers Center.

- Cleanup of a former oil drilling site in Los Angeles was completed by Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation, a Brownfields grantee. In May, they celebrated the groundbreaking of the Pilipino Workers Center (PWC) Family Housing project. When completed, PWC Family Housing will provide 45 total units of affordable family housing, including nine units set aside for transition-age youth and 22 units for homeless individuals.

- Development of the Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail in Northern Idaho makes significant forward progress as project partners continue to secure funding. The 2-mile trail will connect the communities of Sandpoint, Ponderay and Kootenai, traversing a number of former brownfields that include sawmills, smelters and other underutilized properties.

The project began with \$225,598 in Brownfields assessment funding facilitated through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in 2010-2011. Since then, the Friends of Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail 501(c)3 has raised nearly \$170,000 of the \$400,000 needed to complete the project. With 2 years left to raise the remaining funds, completion of this longstanding project looks promising. Read more about the [most recent leveraged funding secured by the Friends of Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail](#).

- [Read an article in *Brownfield Renewal Magazine* on how Auraria Campus](#), the site of three educational institutions with 40,000 students, in Denver, Colorado, navigated through the Brownfields process.
- The Denver Animal Shelter is [the first animal shelter in the nation to receive the designation as platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED\) certified](#). Once a sprawling 40-acre contaminated eyesore near downtown Denver, the former General Chemical property is now home to an animal shelter and public works facility, both of which are models for sustainable and efficient design. In 2010, the City and County of Denver used a Recovery Act subgrant from the Brownfields loan fund to complete soil cleanup.



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Smart Growth America Highlights Communities in Idaho, Montana, Arizona and California

- [Watch Smart Growth America's video on Boise, Idaho](#), and hear Boise City Council member Elaine Clegg explain why Boise is a blueprint for success.
- Watch [Smart Growth America's video on Missoula, Montana](#), and learn how Missoula is achieving a sense of place via economic development, community building and affordable housing.
- [Read about residents in Concord, California](#), that worked hard to turn plans for a sprawling neighborhood into a transit oriented, walkable neighborhood with open space.
- [Read how Mesa, Arizona](#), is changing their downtown zoning strategies to create a more walkable and economically resilient downtown neighborhood.

Brownfields Opportunities

2013 Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines Coming Soon

These grants may be used to assess and clean up brownfields sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances. Opportunities for funding will include Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup (ARC) Grants. When the guidelines are released, they will be available online at this link [2013 ARC grant guidelines](#).

Register Now for Brownfields Grant Webinars

The EPA Western Regions are jointly presenting four webinars to help FY13 grant applicants. For more information on the webinars and to register, visit [Region 9's Brownfields web page](#).

Brownfields 2013: Submit Presentation Ideas for the National Brownfields Conference

Don't miss this opportunity to have input into the educational sessions at the National Brownfields Conference. Call for ideas is now open and will close on August 3, 2012. [Click here to submit your ideas](#).

Are You a New or Experienced EPA Brownfields Grant Recipient?

EPA offers online training courses to aid Brownfields cooperative agreement recipients in reporting their grant-funded activities using the Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES). For an updated schedule of ACRES training opportunities, please go to <http://www.epa.gov/acres/trainingschedule.htm>.