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## U.S. EPA Region 8 Western Brownfields Wire – Fall 2022

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## Brownfield Grant Funding Opportunities

The fiscal year (FY) 2023 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), Multipurpose, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines are now available in [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and on the [EPA MARC Grant Application Resources webpage](#), along with other General Program Resources.

The application submission deadline is **November 22, 2022**.

Three applicant outreach webinars are scheduled that will provide an overview of the guidelines and important changes for 2023. These sessions will be recorded and posted on the [EPA MARC Grant Application Resources webpage](#).

**Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 12:00 PM MT** This webinar ([click the link to join](#)) will discuss the FY 2023 guidelines for entities applying for:

- Multipurpose Grant funding
- Community-Wide Assessment Grant funding
- Assessment Coalition Grant funding
- Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes funding

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 12:00 PM MT** This webinar ([click the link to join](#)) will discuss the FY 2023 guidelines for entities applying for:

- Cleanup Grant funding

**Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 12:00 PM MT** This webinar ([click the link to join](#)) will discuss the FY 2023 guidelines for entities applying for:

RLF Grant funding

Region 8 will host two virtual outreach events that are designed as a follow-up to the September 29, October 4, and October 6 applicant webinars. We recommend watching the national webinar prior to this event.

The first session is for those who are applying for Multi-Purpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants. Common application pitfalls and easy solutions will be offered:

**Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants hosted by EPA Region 8 on Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 10:00-11:00 AM MT**

The second is specifically for RLF applicants.

**RLF Question and Answer Session hosted by EPA Region 8 on Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM MT.**

Please note that the Region 8 sessions are for applicants only. RSVP to [benz.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:benz.jennifer@epa.gov) to receive a link to the meeting and indicate in the email subject line which session or sessions you plan to attend.

Save the dates and spread the word!

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## Upcoming Technical Assistance and Training Sessions from Kansas State University Technical Assistance to Brownfields (KSU TAB)

Check the [KSU TAB events webpage](#) for these and other opportunities:

- Virtual Office Hours on September 22, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm MT
- Webinar: Community Revitalization Through Brownfields Redevelopment for Wyoming Communities: September 21, 2022, 1:30 pm-2:30pm MT
- In-Person: 2022 Resources for Revitalization and Redevelopment Workshop: in Sinclair, WY: October 25, 2022, 1:00pm-3:45pm
- [Recording](#) of a recent webinar: Building Your Demographic Profile and Other E-Tools

KSU TAB can provide free review of draft brownfields grant proposals for applicants in EPA Region 8. Please give KSU TAB a one-week heads-up that you will be sending a draft to review. It generally only takes a few days to get feedback to you and the review is free of charge! Contact Maggie Belanger at [maggiejessie@ksu.edu](mailto:maggiejessie@ksu.edu) to schedule a review of your application.

The TAB EZ grant writing software tool, TAB EZ, provides a template to draft your application, configured for the type of application you are writing (Assessment, Cleanup, Multipurpose or Revolving Loan Fund). Drafts can be exported to an MSWord (.doc) file for final editing and package submittal in [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

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### Conferences and Awards

Thanks to all Region 8 grantees who shared their stories at the 2022 Brownfields conference in Oklahoma City!

*Partnerships to Assess, Clean and Redevelop Contaminated Tribal Housing*

- ❖ **Arthur Carmona**, Brownfields Coordinator, Spirit Lake Tribe, ND;
- ❖ **Ray Reed**, Brownfields Coordinator, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, ND;
- ❖ **Rebecca Olander**, Director, Turtle Mountain Housing Authority; and
- ❖ **Ray Parisien**, Turtle Mountain Housing Authority

*Meet Them Where They Live: Innovative Engagement Techniques and Success Stories That Empower Your Community*

- ❖ **Aaron Egbert**, Senior Engineer, City of Colorado Springs, CO

*Meet the Deal Makers: Successful Revolving Loan Fund Programs*

- ❖ **Doug Jamison**, Superfund/Brownfields Unit Leader, Colorado Dept. of Health and Environment

*How to Start When You Don't Know Where to Begin and Off the Beaten Path With a Swiss Army Knife: Tools to Attract Developers to Rural Projects*

- ❖ **Katharine King**, Community Development Manager, City of Kalispell, MT

*Partnership Power: Integrating Federal, State, Local, and Private Resources to Reimagine the Acme Power Plant*

- ❖ **Carrie Rogaczewski**, District Manager, Sheridan County Conservation District, WY

The Region 8 Brownfields Team received the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) National Notable Achievement Award for their focused efforts to broaden outreach and technical assistance to the 22 Tribal Brownfield programs in the Region. At a time when Tribes were challenged by COVID, the EPA team developed new approaches to increase communication and the availability of resources.



From left: KC Becker (Region 8 Regional Administrator), Carlton Waterhouse (Deputy Assistant Administrator for OLEM), Ted Lanzano, Melisa Devincenzi, Christina Wilson, Nancy Morlock (Acting Director for Region 8 LCRD), and Stacey Eriksen.



Katharine King, City of Kalispell, MT (left) and Mark Rohweder of KLJ Engineering receive the Phoenix Award for Brownfields Excellence in Region 8; for the City's Core and Rail Redevelopment. See more on this project in "Around the Region," below.



The Region 8 Brownfields program was represented at the Tribal Lands Environment Forum in Milwaukee, WI August 8th-11th. Here, Wilfred Lambert (left), Brownfields Coordinator at the Fort Peck Tribes and Region 8's Greg Davis share stories during a break at the conference.

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## More Grants!

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed in November of 2021 brought significant increases in brownfields grants funding. Because of the breadth of this law – funding over 350 programs across more than a dozen federal departments and agencies – it contains other grants that complement brownfields grants. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law [Guidebook](#) contains descriptions of all the grants.

These are a few that may interest you:

**Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program** (page 34 in the Guidebook)

**The National Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Program** (page 141)

**Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants** (page 145)

**Grants for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities** (page 183)

**Energy Efficiency Materials Pilot Program** (page 212)

**Career Skills Training** (page 225)

On August 12, 2022, the passing of the Inflation Reduction Act made the largest investment in U.S. history to fight climate change. Stay tuned as the Inflation Reduction Act will provide even more opportunities and resources to address the climate crisis and public health and environmental inequities.

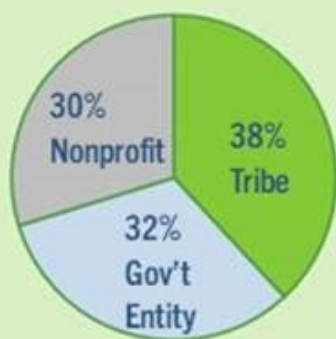
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## Targeted Brownfield Assessments

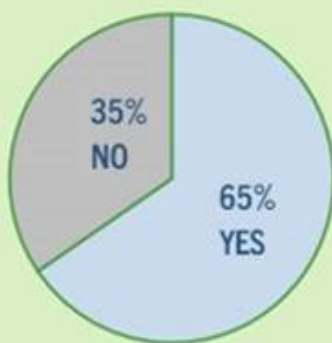
A Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) is an investigation conducted by EPA contractors to document environmental conditions at a property that is being considered for redevelopment or reuse. TBAs are provided at no cost to communities, and applications are accepted and assessments performed on an ongoing basis throughout the year. You can get details and apply [here](#).

With over **85** TBAs currently underway in Region 8, 2022 has been a big year! Here is a snapshot of the distribution of Region 8 TBAs, along with some examples of recently completed TBAs.

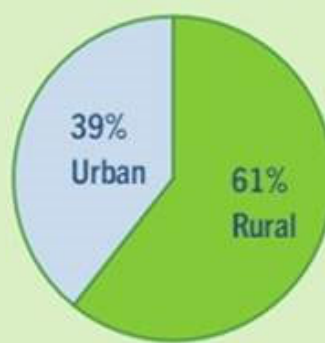
Region 8  
FY22 TBAs by Applicant Type



Region 8 FY22 TBAs  
in Areas of Potential EJ Concern



Region 8  
FY22 TBAs by Location



## Around The Region

[Groundwork Denver](#), a nonprofit focused on partnering with youth and community to build a healthy, equitable, and sustainable environment, celebrated the graduation of their first cohort in July under their Brownfields Job Training Grant. The trainings offered in their first program included OSHA 10, HAZWOPER 40-Hour, Building Science Principles, Tree Care Industry Association Intro to Arboriculture, Rain Garden Installer, and Stormwater Control Measure Inspection and Maintenance. In addition, participants received assistance in resume writing, interviewing, and other soft skills. Learn more about [EPA Brownfields Job Training Grants](#).



Students used their new public speaking skills at the graduation ceremony (left), and a job fair was held afterward (right).



Land ready for a new business after underground tank removal.

In Fort Yates, North Dakota on the Standing Rock Reservation, a TBA sampling event was held for a Phase II environmental assessment. In order to sample soils below the existing underground storage tanks, two 10,000-gallon tanks were removed. Subsequent field testing results did not reveal soil contamination. The former gas station site had been vacant for over 20 years due to environmental concerns related to the underground storage tanks.

*"We can finally use the property for a new business that will benefit the Tribe."* Hans Bradley, Standing Rock Sioux Brownfields Coordinator.

In June, Regional Administrator K.C. Becker toured brownfields and engaged with community partners in Cañon City and Pueblo, Colorado.



For more than a century, several large businesses and industries have blocked access to the Arkansas River in Cañon City (shown above left). Over time some have closed, leaving abandoned and contaminated buildings and properties. In 2021 Cañon City was awarded an \$800,000 brownfields multipurpose grant. A key focus is to assess and remediate industrial riverfront properties so that they can be relocated to allow for a new riverfront hospitality district which connects to the historic downtown.

In Pueblo, a \$300,000 brownfields assessment grant will build upon several past TBAs to launch a more comprehensive brownfields redevelopment program. The City has assembled a robust capital stack to encourage redevelopment, and this assessment grant is an important first step. One example of a potentially transformative redevelopment is the Pueblo Power Plant at the Black Hills Energy site (in photo above right).



Congratulations to Kalispell! The Parkline Trail, now the gem of the Core Area, opened in July of 2022. Since 2009, EPA brownfields grants and technical assistance have supported this rail-to-trails redevelopment and the revitalization of the downtown core.

Kalispell, Montana was built by the Great Northern Railroad in 1892. Over the decades, the town grew around and became bisected by the rail line, resulting in serious safety and mobility issues. As the demand for rail service diminished, the tracks, associated structures, potential contamination and safety issues remained.

Kalispell's approach to correct this situation began with an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant that supported intensive community engagement. (The Core Area consists of roughly 1,100 parcels and 450 property owners.) The resulting Core Area Plan both developed a vision for the future and recognized the brownfields work required to begin the journey.

[This article](#) about the Parkline Trail ribbon cutting summarizes the project history, partners, and associated developments that are underway.



The new Parkline Trail in Kalispell.

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## Greetings to New Region 8 Team Members

To more effectively serve our partners and manage the higher numbers of grants resulting from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Region 8 brownfields team is expanding. Please welcome Jenny Benz, Joann Jeplawy, Christine Michaud-Tilly, and Christin Russell.

**Jenny Benz** has been the Regional Environmental Officer at the Economic Development Administration, working with the NEPA program.

**Joann Jeplawy** comes to EPA from Tetra Tech in Denver where she worked primarily on the START contract.

**Christin Russell** has been with EPA Region 8 in the Quality Assurance Program and has been a Remedial Project Manager with the Superfund Emergency Management Division.

**Christine Tilly**, a U.S. Air Force veteran, began her EPA career in RCRA enforcement in Region 1.

## Contact Us

For more information about U.S. EPA Region 8 Brownfields Program, please visit:

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