

BROWNFIELDS FY24 GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT WEBINAR

Pacific Southwest Region 9 Communities

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WEBINAR INFORMATION

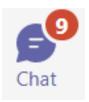


Questions

- Type all questions in the meeting chat or Q&A
- We will have a Q&A session at the end of the presentation
- Region 9 Brownfields Team contact info provided in slides

Presentation Accessibility

- Recorded webinar and slides will be posted on our <u>Region 9 Brownfields website</u>
- Enable closed captioning under the "More" button (three dots) in the top bar; click Turn on Captions







Poll Questions



What type of organization are you with?

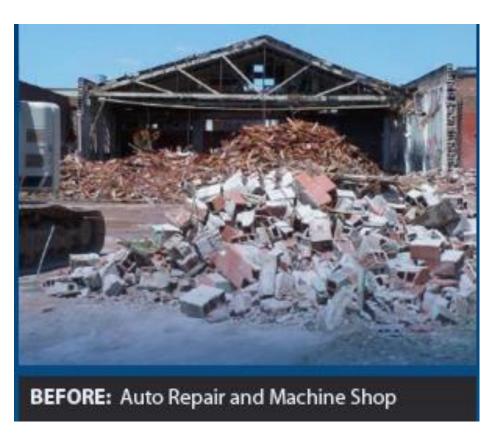
What is your experience level with brownfields?

EPA BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

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Brownfield: a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the **presence** or **potential presence** of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.







AFFORDABLE HOUSING





Environmentally Friendly Transportation

Rural and Tribal Health

COMMUNITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE







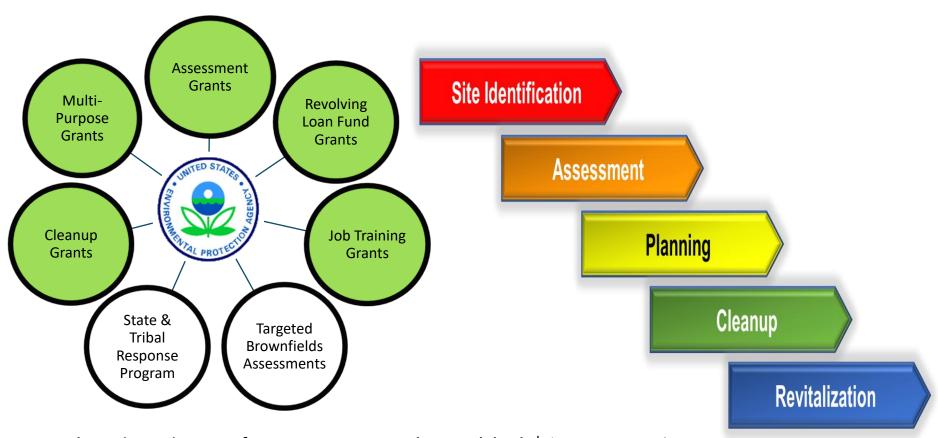


RENEWABLE ENERGY

EPA Brownfields Program

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Funding for all steps of the redevelopment process!



Note the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has added \$1.5B to EPA's Brownfields Program over next 4 years

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT



- Community outreach and visioning to gauge support, identify potential sites, communicate with landowners to gauge interest,
- Conceptual/preliminary site design
- Complete environmental assessments, cleanup planning including oversight costs, site remediation
- Conduct financial modeling and explore project co-benefits (tax income, local economic development, job availability and creation, etc.)
- Purchase environmental insurance
- Conduct infrastructure analyses
- Develop resource roadmap to identify redevelopment capital needs and potential funding sources



RESOURCES



Stay Updated!

Join U.S. EPA's Brownfields Listserv, link at www.epa.gov/brownfields

Check the <u>Brownfields Program Policy</u> <u>Changes</u> site directly

See OBLR's Webinars

EPA Brownfields Program FY24 Grant Funding Opportunities



Assessment: allows for environmental assessment, planning, and community engagement from \$500K to \$2M

Cleanup: for remediation offered \$500K - \$5M

Multipurpose: for assessment and cleanup funding up to \$1M



Applications Due:

November 13th

GENERAL BACKGROUND



- Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) (ASTM Standard):
 - Phase I
 - Phase II
- Cleanup Planning: <u>Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup</u> <u>Alternatives</u> (ABCA)
- Site eligibility: Applicant must not be liable for contamination
- Privately and publicly held sites can be assessed
- Budgets no longer need to distinguish between hazardous substances or petroleum funding

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES



States

Tribes

Non-Profits 501(c)(3)

General Purpose
Unit of Local
Government

Ex: City, county, school district, local public authority, regional gov entity, special district

Qualified
Community
Development
Entity

GRANT FUNDING OVERVIEW



\$235,000,000

Grant Type/Ranking List	Max per Grant	Estimated Awards	BIL\$	Regular \$
Multipurpose	\$1,000,000	20.00		\$20,000,000
Assessment (State/Tribal Level)	\$2,000,000	25.00	\$50,000,000	
Assessment Coalitions	\$1,500,000	26.67		\$40,000,000
Assessment (CW) - New	\$500,000	30.00		\$15,000,000
Assessment (CW) - Existing	\$500,000	30.00		\$15,000,000
Cleanup	\$500,000	40.00	\$20,000,000	
Cleanup	\$2,000,000	17.50	\$35,000,000	
Cleanup	\$5,000,000	8.00	\$40,000,000	
		197.17	\$145,000,000	\$90,000,000

Amounts are subject to change

COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT GRANTS



- **Activities**: Inventory, Phase I/II assessments, community outreach, cleanup and redevelopment planning
- Length: 4 years
- Award Amount:
 - Community-wide: \$500,000
 - Site-specific: not available
- Match: N/A



COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT GRANTS: STATES AND TRIBES



- **Activities**: Inventory, assessment, community outreach, cleanup and redevelopment planning geared towards states and tribes
- Length: 5 years
- Award Amount: Up to \$2M
- Match: N/A

ASSESSMENT COALITION GRANT



- **Activities**: Inventory, Phase I/II assessments, community outreach, cleanup and redevelopment planning
- **Requirement**: Must have at least 2 partners
- Eligible Entities: Must be a state, tribe, regional council or a group of general-purpose units of local government
- Length: 4 years
- Funding: Up to \$1.5M*
- Match: N/A



REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING



Redevelopment planning activities are eligible under Assessment Grants:

- Site Reuse Assessment and Visioning
- Market evaluation
- Infrastructure Evaluation
- Land Use Assessment
- Preliminary Site Design
- Site Disposition Strategy
- Development of area-wide plan
- Site Revitalization Planning
- Resource Roadmap/Capital Stacking



CLEANUP GRANTS



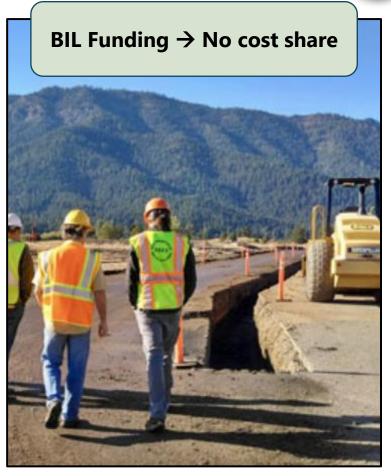
 Activities: Site cleanup, reuse planning, community involvement, regulatory oversight fees

Requirements

- Site ownership
- Completed phase II or site investigation report
- Community Notification

Funding:

- Up to \$500K
- Up to \$2M *
- Up to \$5M *
- Length: 4 years
- Match: N/A



REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) GRANT

(\$500K limit per subgrant *) for site remediation; privately-held sites can be eligible for loans; more details here. Recipients need to be able to effect the tricing of the remanage program income

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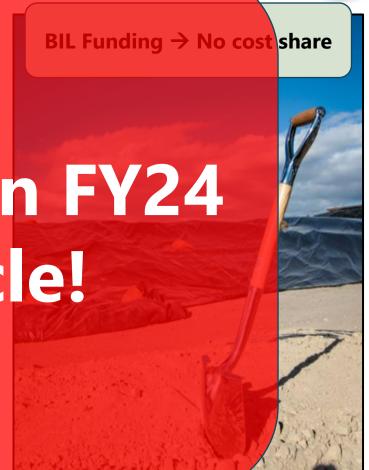
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• At least 50% of funding must go to loans **CJCaINT CYCLE! Funding**: Up to \$1,000,000; can

• Funding: Up to \$1,000,000; can receive supplemental funding over time

• Length: up to 5 years

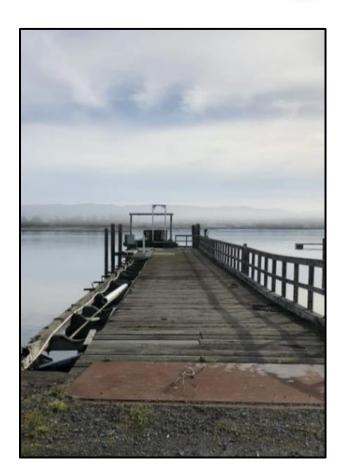
Match: N/A *



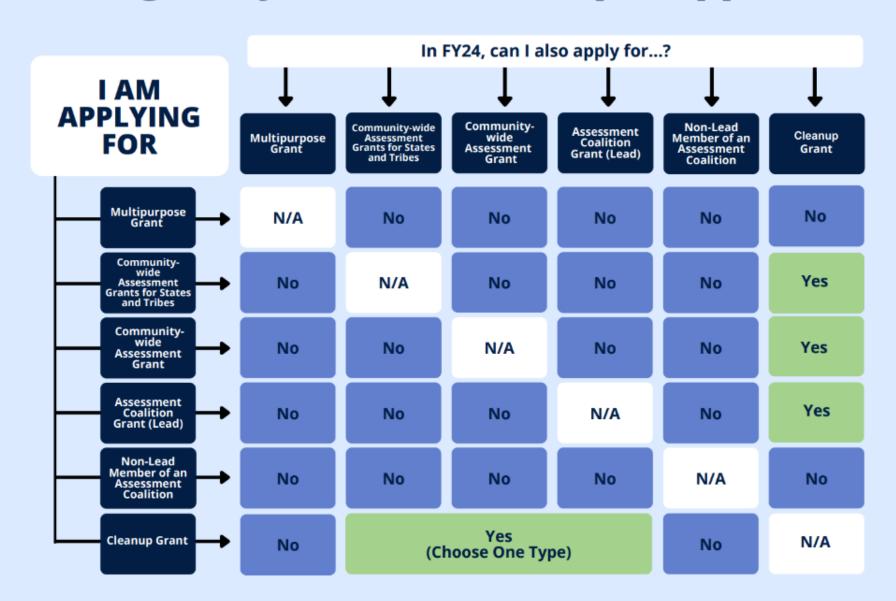
MULTIPURPOSE GRANT



- Activities: Inventories, prioritizing sites, community engagement activities, Phase II assessment, cleanup and reuse plans, cleanup activities, and overall plans for revitalization. More details here
- **Funding**: up to \$1M*
- Requirements
 - One Phase II environmental site assessment;
 - One brownfield site cleanup; and
 - A revitalization plan (includes a feasible reuse strategy for one or more brownfield sites)
- **Length:** up to 5 years
- Match: N/A



FY24 Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications



FY24 MAC FAQs DOCUMENT



FY24 Frequently Asked Questions

TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENTS



- Activities: EPA provides free contractor assistance to perform Phase I/II site assessments and data evaluation
- Application: Open year-round, online application
- Requirements:
 - Must have a redevelopment in mind for property
 - Reuse must serve public good
 - Preferably in an underserved community



POLL QUESTION



Given what you have learned so far, are you considering applying for a grant?

PROPOSAL PREPARATION



Read Entire Guidelines



Review FAQs



Address all requested criteria



Create **Quality**Responses



Use Proposal Checklists



PROPOSAL PRESENTATION





Project Development: Prepare proposal as if you're selling it to someone, make it a compelling story.



Meaningful Community Engagement: Involve stakeholders early and use creative outreach methods.



What is the Big Picture: Provide details on the reuse and how it will create change.

FORMATTING TIPS



- Use active tone
- Avoid: is considering, may be, intends to
- Short, direct sentences or organize into bullet points
- Be direct don't make the reader guess
- Minimize/explain acronyms and vernacular
- Use Tables, with light shading and/or different font
- Use visual variety italics, underline, bold

APPLICATION SUBMISSION



- Be ready to submit at least one week <u>BEFORE</u> deadline!
- Use the correct "<u>Unique Entity Identifier</u>" or UEI (no longer DUNS!) for your organization *
- Register in <u>www.sam.gov</u> now!!!
- Even if already registered in www.sam.gov, make sure the account is active and will be active by the deadline
- The account must be renewed annually by the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC).
- Applications are due in grants.gov



PROPOSAL PREPARATION SUPPORT



Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)

- Will review draft proposals and provide valuable feedback
- Get proposals to them ASAP, multiple reviews are possible (time permitting)
- Go to <u>cclr.org</u> or email Ignacio Dayrit (Director of Programs) at <u>ignacio.dayrit@cclr.org</u>

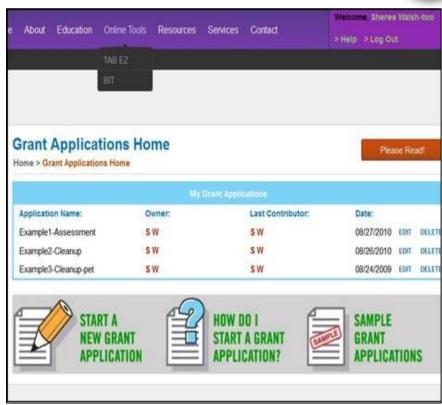


PROPOSAL PREPARATION SUPPORT



Kansas State University's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program

- Access successful proposals
- Free tool to help prepare proposals
- 24/7 Access and password protected
- Export proposals to Word or PDF



Go to <u>www.tabez.org</u> and click on Online Tools and "TAB EZ"

PROPOSAL CONTENT & FORMAT



Narrative Information Sheet

- Place information on your organization's letterhead.
- 2 pages, single spaced
- State Acknowledgement Letter (does not count toward pg. limit.)

Narrative

- Page limit varies by year and grant type.
- Excess pages will be removed and not reviewed.
- Review <u>FY24 solicitation</u> for any potential changes.

Required Attachments

- Limit attachments to required/relevant documents (i.e., threshold criteria, documentation of leveraged resources, etc.).
- No photos or maps.

Narrative Ranking Criteria



1

Project Area
Description &
Plans for
Revitalization

2

Community
Need &
Community
Engagement

3

Task
Descriptions,
Cost Estimates
& Measuring
Progress

4

Programmatic Capability & Past Performance

1. PROJECT AREA AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION



Target Area

Identify and describe the **target area** and brownfield site(s)

 How do they impact the community and what is the potential for reuse?

Revitalization Planning

Describe site reuse opportunities and how they align with local, regional, and/or state development plans

Leveraging

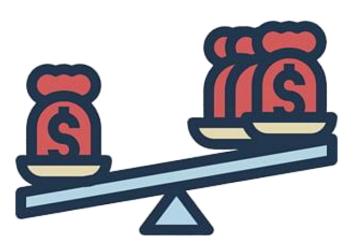
List the **funding** and **resources** available and/or in-hand to implement site redevelopment plans

Include existing and (if applicable) needed infrastructure

LEVERAGING



- Calculate returns
- Every \$1 spent on brownfields yields \$20 of private or government investment
- Identify all sources of local, public, private and in-kind assistance
- EPA's <u>Brownfields Federal</u> <u>Funding Guide</u>
- More info on <u>Leveraging</u> Resources



2. COMMUNITY NEED



Sensitive Populations

Identify the sensitive populations in the targeted community

 children, pregnant women, elderly, minority or lowincome communities, etc.

Brownfield Impacts

Connect brownfields impacts with **data**, how they will be addressed by grant?

cancer rates,
 obesity, blood lead
 levels, asthma,
 substandard
 housing, limited
 access to health
 care

Social Impacts

impacts, how will they will be addressed by grant?

 blight, crime, vandalism, illegal dumping, people moving out, lack of neighborhood upkeep, lack of prosperity

COMMUNITY NEED - RESOURCES

SITES/TOOLS

- <u>EPA Brownfields website</u>, <u>Tips on Starting</u>
 <u>Early</u>, and grant solicitation
- <u>EnviroAtlas and Brownfields</u> website (esp. Eco-Health Relationship Browser)
- EPA EJSCREEN Tool
- EPA <u>Cleanups in My Community</u> website
- EPA Land Revitalization Toolkit
- EPA National Air Toxics Assessment
- U.S. Census Bureau <u>American Community</u> <u>Survey</u> (ACS)
- CDC <u>PLACES</u> data (collaborative effort)
- CDC <u>National Program of Cancer Registries</u>
- USDA Food Access Research Atlas
- U.S. EDA <u>Tools for Economic Development</u>
- State of CA OEHHA <u>CalEnviroScreen</u>
- Air Quality Index
- America's Children and the Environment
- My Environment
- State and Territorial Environmental Agency
- Environmental Justice
- Water Resources
- Radon Zone Map
- <u>Toxic Release Inventory</u>

IDEAS FOR FURTHER PROJECT-SPECIFIC RESEARCH

- Local and regional planning agencies/Councils of Governments
- Local and regional economic development offices
- State and local air and water regulatory offices (site background, add'l resources)
- State and county offices of environmental health and public health
- State, local, or university programs for planning, economic, business development
- State Auditor's offices (for information on financial standing of local government)
- State employment offices

SOCIO-ECONOMIC TOOLS

- <u>Fedstats</u> links to all relevant agencies based on your search criteria, such as income, health, labor, education, and crime levels and allows you to search by state as well.
- <u>U.S. Census Bureau</u> provides statistics on economics, employment, health, housing, employment, and other categories. You can search by state and find detailed reports on each state.

Health/Welfare/Environment - Resources

<u>Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),</u> <u>Health Resources and Services</u> Administration (HRSA)

Provides state profiles for medical professional shortage areas and grants for health care

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

ATSDR has toxicity profiles, health consultations, and education tools

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

CDC has a National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) that includes national birth and death statistics

FastStats:

- Asthma www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/asthma.htm
- Diabetes <u>www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/diabetes.htm</u>
- Heart Disease <u>www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/heart-disease.htm</u>

<u>Indian Health Service</u> Health Promotion Disease Prevention

National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI) Webpage that provides state-specific cancer statistics, cancer trends, and maps

NIH, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Compiles and presents national diabetes statistics

Office of Minority Health, Department of Health and Human Services General health and racial, and health disparities data

US Census Bureau, US Department of Commerce

The American Community Survey maps county-level data based on the most recent Census and American Community Survey estimates

Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor Provides national, state and local unemployment and employment data

<u>US Department of Housing and Urban Development</u> (<u>HUD</u>) Grants for community-lead hazard abatement, training and to support creating healthy homes and other community programs

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - PARTNERSHIPS

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- Clearly describe all relevant roles for all partners and stakeholders for different aspects of your project...don't just make a list
- Other agencies
 - State or local health departments
 - Community Development agencies
 - Federal, State, and/or private grants/resources
- Neighborhood, cultural and faith-based organizations
- Private Developers, local businesses, Foundations
- Non-profits
- Describe how input will be gathered and used

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS



Thorough Task Description

Identify all tasks, and ensure they're eligible activities that will help you meet project goals

- Include task leads and a reasonable project schedule
- Clear goals/outputs

Cost Estimates

Provide specific cost estimates, clearly support budgeted amounts

 Detailed estimates are an indication of a well-thought-out project

Measuring Results

Describe the project management approach, including frequency of project check-ins, that will result in a project that accomplishes the proposed goals

Update ACRES database quarterly!

POLL QUESTION



What webinar topics would be most helpful in the future?

How helpful was this webinar?



THANK YOU!

The presentation will be available on the Brownfield's website.



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