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Brownfield Grant Funding Opportunities

The fiscal year (FY) 2024 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment and Cleanup Grant (MAC) Guidelines are now available in www.grants.gov and on the EPA MAC Grant Application Resources [webpage](#), along with other General Program Resources.

The application submission deadline is **November 13, 2023**.

Two applicant outreach webinars are scheduled that will provide an overview of the guidelines. These sessions will be recorded and posted on the EPA MAC Grant Application Resources webpage.

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 10 AM MT: FY24 Brownfields Multipurpose & Assessment Grant Narrative Criteria Applicant Webinar. This webinar ([click the link to join](#)) will focus on the FY 2024 Narrative ranking criteria 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

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 11 AM MT: FY24 Brownfields Cleanup Grant Narrative Criteria Applicant Webinar. This webinar ([click the link to join](#)) will focus on the FY 2024 Narrative ranking criteria for entities applying for:

- Cleanup Grant funding

Kansas State University - Technical Assistance to Brownfields (KSU TAB)

KSU TAB provides no cost technical assistance to communities with workshops, webinars, trainings, and more.



Brownfields Challenges and Opportunities

Let the KSU TAB Team help find a solution. Contact your Regional Coordinator today!

Image Credit: KSU Tab

There are several key components to successful grant writing including telling your community's story effectively, presenting an accurate funding need, and understanding the sections of the grant application.

KSU TAB held a 6-part webinar series that will assist with the above mentioned skills and more. Click here for the [Webinar Recordings](#).

The [TAB EZ](#) online grant writing tool is another useful resource to help you apply for an EPA grant. KSU TAB also offers free reviews of draft applications. Please contact Maggie Belanger maggiejessie@ksu.edu to request a review or for other grant writing support.

Learn more about the KSU TAB resources [here](#).

Upcoming Workshops

Brownfields Tribal Response Program Workshop

Denver, CO - November 7-8, 2023

EPA Regions 7 and 8 and KSU TAB will be hosting a Brownfields Tribal Response Program workshop in Denver on November 7th and 8th. The purpose of the workshop is to learn from peers, understand grant requirements, and gain inspiration to put Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds to good use! The Tribal Brownfields Coordinators are the intended audience, but other relevant tribal staff and managers are also welcome. Brownfields 128(a) funds can be used to pay for travel to Denver. This will be a joint workshop with EPA Regions 7 and 8 that will build on previous collaborative workshops in Omaha, Nebraska and Lawrence, Kansas. Contact [Ted Lanzano](#) for any questions.

Grant Updates

EPA R8 New Grantee Kick-off Meeting, Oct 4, 9am-12pm MT – Stay tuned for an invite from your Project Officer.

Resources for New Grantees:

- Davis Bacon requirements typically applies to Cleanup grant and RLF grant recipients and this fact sheet helps clarify how it applies: [Davis Bacon Act Fact Sheet](#)
- Check out updated guidance on procurement regulations: [Guidance on Competitively Procuring a Contractor Fact Sheet](#)
- The [2023 Federal Programs Guide](#) provides information on 22 federal programs and five federal tax incentives that could support Brownfields cleanup and revitalization
- [Strategies to Minimize Displacement Fact Sheet](#) provides strategies and tools to minimize the displacement that can occur with Brownfields redevelopment
- The [Resilient Brownfields Redevelopment Factsheet](#) provides information on the financial risks of our changing climate and ways to make wise investments in brownfield revitalization.
- [Section 128\(a\) Fact Sheet](#) for State and Tribal Response Program Grants
- [Section 128\(a\) Brownfields State and Tribal Response Program Fact Sheet](#) for Technical Assistance Grants

Webinars for Grant Applicants and Recipients

- ACRES Training Schedule for Brownfields Grantees, Nov. 14, 12-1pm MT. For more info and the link to join, click [here](#).
- Next Level ACRES Training, Oct. 10, 12-1pm MT and Dec. 12, 12-1pm MT. For more info and the link to join, click [here](#).
- EPA Grant Terms and Conditions for Fiscal Year 2024, Sept. 28, 10-11am MT. For more info and to register, click [here](#).

Tribal Technical Assistance Grant

- EPA expects to award one 5-year cooperative agreement to a recipient to provide technical assistance directly to Tribal Nations and entities. These guidelines are now live in grants.gov [here](#). The closing date to apply for this grant is **November 13, 2023, 11:59PM**.

- All information about this funding opportunity and webinar can be found [here](#).

Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Updates

A Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) is an environmental investigation that documents environmental conditions at a property under consideration for redevelopment or reuse. These are conducted at no cost to communities requesting assistance. Applications are accepted and assessments are performed throughout the year. Click [here](#) to apply.

To learn how TBAs were used to investigate former gas stations in Green River, and Elsinore, Utah check out the [From Idle to Active - Utah StoryMap](#).

Contact our TBA Program Coordinator, [Joann Jeplawy](#) for questions.

Job Training (JT) Updates







[Brownfields JT Grants](#) are 5-year, \$500,000 grants and are available for nonprofit organizations, Indian Tribes, redevelopment agencies, regional councils, public and nonprofit colleges, and State & local governments. Grantees can tailor their training curriculum to the job market needs of their Brownfields community and provide a variety of trainings.

Please share the [Brownfields Job Training \(JT\) Grant](#) program information through your networks. We are following up with interested applicants planning to apply for the next funding opportunity, spring 2024.

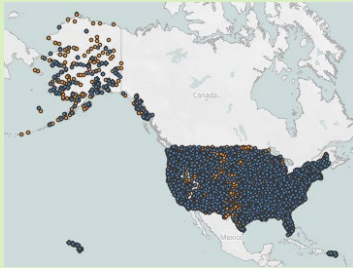
Please follow [Region 8 Facebook](#) and [Region 8 Twitter](#) for updates on this grant opportunity. For more information, contact EPA Region 8 Brownfields Job Training Grant Coordinator, [Christine Michaud-Tilly](#).

Brownfields Accomplishments

The Brownfields accomplishments for the combined Region 8 states from October 2022 - September 2023 were outstanding. Thank you to all partners and communities who contributed to these results.

					
206	33	198	86	885	\$67.8M
Assessments Completed	Cleanups Completed	Acres Ready for Reuse	Properties Made Ready for Reuse	Jobs Leveraged	Dollars Leveraged

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)



The General Service Administration (GSA) has created a maps dashboard showing announced funding as of July 7, 2023, and awarded funding as of May 31, 2023. Click [here](#) to check out the projects funded near you and notice all the Brownfields projects!

Learn more about the 1.5 billion dollar historic investment in Brownfields BIL funding [here](#).

To find current and upcoming EPA funding opportunities from the BIL and IRA, visit this EPA [webpage](#).

Grantee Success Stories

Missoula Old Sawmill District, MT

New life and land have been revitalized in the 46-acre Old Sawmill District in the form of a 14-acre riverfront park and residential and commercial properties through Brownfields funds and partnership between EPA and the City of Missoula.

R8 EPA Regional Administrator, KC Becker visited the Old Sawmill District in Missoula, MT with Missoula Mayor, Jordan Hess on June 7, 2023, to see firsthand the successful redevelopment that has taken place in this community.

Missoula leveraged a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant to revitalize 46-acres which was previously used as a lumber mill beginning in 1900. After being left vacant and declared blighted in the 1990s, the process to redevelop the land began. With funding from EPA for the past two decades, the City of Missoula has cleaned up scores of acres and leveraged over \$185 million in redevelopment of underutilized properties.



Above photo: Tyler Walls, City of Missoula Brownfields Project Manager, pictured center, provided the tour to Regional Administrator, KC Becker.



More info/news articles:

- [Missoulacurrent.com - EPA Missoula Brownfields](#)
- [Missoulain.com - Old Sawmill District Highlights Brownfield Funding](#)
- [NBCmontana.com - EPA Visits Missoula's Old Sawmill District](#)

EPA Deputy Administrator visits Montana

On August 29th, Deputy Administrator McCabe joined EPA Region 8's Regional Administrator Becker on a trip that included visiting two Brownfield grant recipients, Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Big Sky Economic Development Authority. The Northern Cheyenne leadership and environmental staff met with EPA and gave a tour of successful Brownfields sites. In Billings, there was a downtown Brownfields walking tour, followed by a meeting with the Mayor Bill Cole and other Billings leaders to discuss the Brownfields program implementation and impacts. Watch the [KULR-8 coverage](#) and [KTVQ News coverage](#) of the visit to Billings. EPA highlighted the trip on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Baatz Building in Great Falls, MT

Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA) has awarded a \$583,925 subgrant to NeighborWorks Great Falls using their EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant to clean up asbestos, lead, PCBs, and other contamination in the Baatz Building. This subgrant award is leveraging more than \$10,000,000 of additional funds towards the project's total redevelopment cost. Abatement is set to begin this fall to redevelop this historic building into 25 supportive housing units with community services on the main floor. This is another great example of how Brownfields funding can be used to redevelop a vacant property to improve community stability and wellbeing.

More info: theelectricgf.com - [Baatz Building Cleanup Getting Started Construction Planned for Fall](#)



Image Credit: Hygienix, LLC & Big Sky Civil & Environmental, LLC



Above photo: City/County public safety building in Green River, UT.

New Utah StoryMap

Our newly created [From Idle to Active - Utah StoryMap](#) dives into the various Brownfields redevelopment projects in Utah. From fire stations and new public safety facilities to affordable housing and business parks, the possibilities are endless in utilizing Brownfields funds to redevelop blighted properties.

Nearly 200 properties in Utah have been evaluated using EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants and over 50 TBAs have been completed.

This StoryMap provides in-depth examples of Brownfields cleanups that involved partnership between Utah DEQ/DERR and EPA: Centro Civico Mexicano in Salt Lake City and the Ogden Business Exchange.

Highlights from 2023 Brownfields Conferences

Colorado Brownfields Conference

Our EPA Region 8 team took part in the Colorado Brownfields Conference on June 12th in Lakewood, CO which provided a variety of engaging sessions ranging from technical assistance and funding options to Brownfields case studies and redevelopment ideas.

EPA National Brownfields Training Conference

LCRD leadership, Brownfields and Revitalization staff, and several Region 8 grantees and partners took part in the EPA National Brownfields Training Conference. The National Brownfields Training Conference convenes stakeholders from government, industry, and communities to share knowledge and best practices for Brownfields remediation and redevelopment. A well-attended Regional Open House kicked off the conference with presentations from several Region 8 grantees, detailing successes from across the Region.

R8 Brownfields Project Officers facilitated a session with tribal grantees from Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, highlighting successful tribal examples of recent Land Revitalization Technical Assistance. The R8 Brownfields team fully enjoyed meeting grantees, stakeholders, counterparts, and community members at the conference.



Above image from CO Brownfields Conference. R8 Brownfields Team from left to right: Ted Lanzano, Erin Joyce, Christina Wilson, Christin Russell, Joann Jeplawy, Christine Michaud-Tilly, Stacey Erickson, Curtis Jeffries



From left to right: Phylcia Allen (EPA), Ted Lanzano (EPA), Matt Placky (General Dynamics Information Technology), Stacey Erickson (EPA), Sindie Kennedy (Missoula County), and MaryRose Morigeau (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes).



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- [FAQs about Brownfields](#)
- [Past Editions of WBWire](#)
- [EPA Region 8 Brownfields Contacts](#)



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