

# 2023 Brownfields Federal Programs Guide



Many federal programs can support brownfields redevelopment through:

- **Grants**
- **Loans or loan guarantees**
- **Technical assistance**
- **Tax credits**
- **Other resources**

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# Appalachian Regional Commission

Supports development efforts in 420 designated counties in the 13 Appalachian states.

## Provides:

- **Grants through state programs** for economic and brownfields redevelopment.
- **Technical assistance** to support development in economically distressed areas.

# Department of Agriculture



Supports business development & expansion, infrastructure, commercial, and industrial brownfields redevelopment projects in small towns and rural areas.

## Provides:

- **Loans, loan guarantees, and technical assistance** for small/rural businesses;
- **Grants** for rural business development and to accelerate job creation in rural communities.



Supports integrating natural infrastructure, afforestation & ecological restoration in urban and rural communities.

## Provides:

- **Grants** for tree planting & maintenance
- **Technical assistance** for tree planting & maintenance

# Department of Commerce



Supports public works and infrastructure enhancements, as well as economic development planning to economically distressed areas.

## **Provides:**

- **Grants** for infrastructure, public works, and economic development.
- **Technical assistance** for economic development planning.



Supports local economies and improved quality of life in coastal communities.

## **Provides:**

- **Matching funds** to state/local governments to purchase threatened coastal and estuarine lands.
- **Technical assistance** for coastal area restoration.



# Department of Defense



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**

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Supports state and local governments with civil works water resource projects for ecosystem restoration, inland and coastal navigation, and flood and storm damage reduction.

## **Provides:**

- **Grants** for planning assistance in states.
- **Technical assistance** for watershed and ecosystem planning, and water- and land-related engineering.
- **Technical expertise** for preserving historic buildings and structures.
- Projects that protect or restore the Great Lakes ecosystem, or other water resource civic works projects mandated by Congress.



# Department of Energy

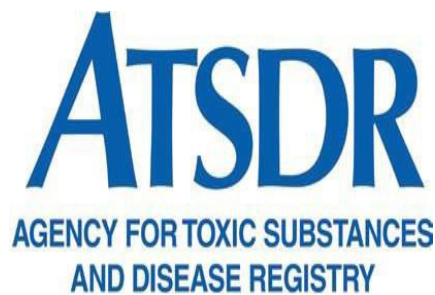


Supports evaluation of brownfield properties as potential sites for renewable energy technologies.

## Provides:

- **Grants** for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.
- **Loans** for the development of advanced technology, energy-efficient vehicles.
- **Technical assistance** for environmental cleanup and stabilization.

# Department of Health and Human Services



Supports populations exposed to hazardous substances from and enforces institutional controls to prevent human exposure.

## **Provides:**

- **Grants** to assess health issues associated with redevelopment plans
- **Technical Assistance** to public health agencies



National Institute of  
Environmental  
Health Sciences

Supports Environmental Career Worker Training Program to foster economic and environmental restoration of brownfields.

## **Provides:**

- **Grants** to develop health and safety training programs.
- **Technical Assistance** in training workers handling hazardous materials.

## **OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

An Office of the Administration for Children & Families

Supports community development corporations and projects related to water and wastewater.

## **Provides:**

- **Grants** for job training programs
- **Technical assistance** for rural water facilities

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# Department of Housing and Urban Development



Supports affordable housing needs in developed areas and transportation, housing and redevelopment planning

## **Provides:**

- **Grants for:**
  - state and local governments for revitalizing communities and meeting affordable housing needs in developed areas.
  - community development in Indian and Alaska Native communities.
  - lead-based paint hazard reduction.
- **Loan guarantees** for community development.
- **Technical assistance** to support community revitalization and assess and control lead-based paint and other home health hazards.



# Department of the Interior

Supports state, local governments, and community-based organizations, to assist with natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation initiatives, including those in urban areas.

## Provides:

- **Technical assistance** for conservation and recreation projects.
- Land transfer where available to create parks.



Supports local governments in the assessment, reclamation, and redevelopment of abandoned mine lands.

## Provides:

- **Grants to**
  - reclaim streams affected by acid mine drainage.
  - states and tribes to reclaim abandoned mine lands.
- **Technical Assistance** for watershed development.

# Department of Labor



Supports local redevelopment efforts that require workers who are trained and skilled to handle environmental cleanup and sustainable redevelopment of brownfields.

## Provides:

- **Grants for:**
  - job training programs
  - community colleges to develop career training programs
- **Technical assistance** to states, localities and community organizations on workforce development.



# Department of Transportation

Supports state and local transportation agencies and communities as they consider how to use federal-aid highway funds to meet their program goals.

## Federal Highway Administration

### Provides:

- **Grants** for transportation projects and planning, air quality improvement and congestion mitigation.
- **Technical Assistance** for long-range transportation planning.

## Federal Transit Administration

Supports metropolitan planning organizations that conduct transportation investment programs.

### Provides:

- **Grants** for public transportation capital projects.

Supports larger transportation infrastructure projects.

## Office of the Secretary

### Provides:

- **Grants, loans, and credit assistance** to invest in innovative road, rail, transit, and port projects that incorporate livability and sustainability principles.



# Environmental Protection Agency



Supports land revitalization through various resources to help communities address contaminated sites and safely reuse properties.

## **Provides:**

- **Grants for:**
  - brownfields inventory, assessment, planning, and cleanup; and to capitalize revolving loan funds for brownfields cleanup.
  - brownfields job training programs.
  - states and tribes to enhance response and brownfields programs.
  - projects to restore local urban water quality.
- **Loans** for water quality improvement projects, including drinking water.
- **Technical assistance to:**
  - support safe reuse of brownfields.
  - build capacity-building to implement sustainable and equitable development strategies.

*See pages 76-91 for more information*



# Federal Housing Finance Agency



Supports community development programs including the Affordable Housing Program, the Community Investment Program, and the Community Investment Cash Advances program.

## **Provides:**

- **Loans** for:
  - housing and economic development that benefit low- and moderate-income families.
  - Affordable housing.
- **Grants** for affordable housing.

# General Services Administration



Supports states and communities interested in innovative federal land disposal methods and options for privatizing remediation.

## Provides:

- **Technical Assistance** to match underused federal properties and surplus federally owned brownfields with local revitalization objectives.

# National Endowment for the Arts



Supports livability by addressing community priorities such as public safety, health, blight and vacancy, environment, job creation, equity, local business development, civic participation, and community cohesion.

## Provides:

- **Grants for:**
  - placemaking projects with art at their core.
  - public art projects.

# Small Business Administration



Supports small businesses interested in locating on revitalized brownfields.

## Provides:

- **Loans** to small businesses:
  - to invest in major fixed assets, such as land and buildings.
  - for general business purposes.
- **Technical assistance** for small business development.

# Federal Tax Incentives and Credits

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## Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Tax Incentives

- Provides a tax deduction for energy efficiency improvements to commercial buildings (e.g., interior lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, hot water and building envelope improvements).
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## Opportunity Zones

- Offers deferred taxes, then significant tax breaks, to a broad array of investors who deploy and hold their capital gains in businesses and real estate capital improvement projects located in Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZs).
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## New Markets Tax Credits

- Designed to stimulate the economies of distressed urban and rural communities and create jobs in low-income communities by expanding the availability of credit, investment capital, and financial services.
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## Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs)

- Provides incentives for the use of private equity in the development of affordable housing for low-income Americans.
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## Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

- These tax credits encourage private investment in the cleanup and rehabilitation of historical properties.