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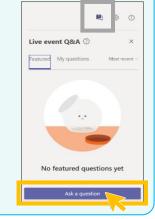
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Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients

Required for new recipients prior to receiving grant funds (see [RAIN-2024-G01](#))

- Module 1: Introduction

- Module 2: Demonstrating Financial Management System and Internal Controls Capability

- Module 3: Applying for a Grant

- Module 4: Accepting a Grant Award

- Module 5: Managing a Grant

- Module 6: Closing Out a Grant

Check it out: https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-management-training-applicants-and-recipients

Budget Training

Required for new recipients prior to receiving grant funds (see RAIN-2024-G01)

- Module 1: General Principles and Considerations

- Module 2: Direct Costs

- Module 3: Other Direct Cost

- Module 4: Indirect Costs

Check it out: https://www.epa.gov/grants/how-develop-budget

Competition Process

The basics on competing for EPA assistance programs

December 2025

Competitive Process

1. EPA prepares Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
2. EPA posts NOFO on program office website and Grants.gov
3. EPA receives applications from applicants
4. EPA evaluates applications and makes selections
5. EPA issues awards

Note: Award Official will check SAM.gov prior to award to ensure applicant is qualified (see 2 CFR 200.206)

Finding EPA Competitive Opportunities on Grants.gov

Find current competitive opportunities

- Synopses includes important info: funding amounts, eligible entities, submission deadline, and more

- Searchable by Federal Assistance Listing (FAL) number (formerly known as CFDA), keyword, agency, type of entity, etc.

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BASIC SEARCH CRITERIA:

Keyword(s): [   ]

Funding Opp #: [   ]

CFDA Number: [   ]

[SEARCH]

OPPORTUNITY STATUS:

☑ Open (2065) ☐ Closed (1396) ☐ Archived (19938)

▼ **FUNDING INSTRUMENT TYPE:**

☑ All Funding Instruments
☐ Cooperative Agreement (568)
☐ Grant (1630)
☐ Other (43)
☐ Procurement Contract (42)

▼ **ELIGIBILITY:**

☑ All Eligibilities
☐ City or township governments (1008)
☐ County governments (1018)
☐ For profit organizations other than small businesses (952)

▼ **CATEGORY:**

☑ All Categories
☐ Agriculture (31)
☐ Arts (see 'Cultural Affairs' in CFDA) (6)
☐ Business and Commerce (15)
☐ Community Development (29)

▼ **AGENCY:**

☑ All Agencies
☐⊞ All Agency for International Development (63)
☐ All Corporation for National and Community

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Funding Opportunity #	Opportunity Title	Agency	Open Date ↓	Close Da
AMS-NOP-13-0061	Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program FY 2013	Agricultural Marketing Service	08/01/2013	08/30/20
SA-SYLEP-800-13-GR-51	Saudi Young Leaders Exchange Program	U.S. Mission to Saudi Arabia	08/01/2013	08/30/20
G13AS00105	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Gulf Coast CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/20
G13AS00109	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Basin CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/20
G13AS00110	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Great Lakes Northern Forest CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/20
NPS-13-NERO-0107	Assessment of natural resource conditions at Hopewell Furnace NHS, Gettysburg NMP, and Eisenhower NHS	National Park Service	08/01/2013	08/06/20
PAR-13-300	NLM Express Research Grants in Biomedical Informatics (R01)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/20
PAR-13-301	The Role of the Cytoskeleton in Cellular Aging (R21/R33)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/20
G13AS00106	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Gulf Coast CESU	Geological Survey	08/01/2013	08/12/20
PAR-13-295	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R21)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/20
PAR-13-296	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R01)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/20
PAR-13-299	Biomarkers: Bridging Pediatric and Adult Therapeutics (R03)	National Institutes of Health	08/01/2013	09/07/20
L13AS00170	BLM AK CESU - Scenario Planning for Energy and Resources Development	Bureau of Land Management	08/01/2013	08/23/20
NOAA-NMFS-PRPO-2014-2003832	FY 2014 Species Recovery Grants to Tribes	Department of Commerce	08/01/2013	10/29/20
NOAA-NMFS-PRPO-2014-2003811	Species Recovery Grants to States (Section 6 Program)	Department of Commerce	08/01/2013	10/29/20
NNH13ZDA001N-PMDAP	ROSES 2013: Planetary Mission Data Analysis Program	NASA Headquarters	08/01/2013	10/11/20
PA-FPH-14-022	FY14 Region 9 Nevada (not including Clark, Douglas or Washoe counties) Announcement of Anticipated Availability of Funds for Family Planning Services Grants	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health	08/01/2013	04/01/20

FY26 Guidelines for Brownfield Assessment Grants (Assessment Coalition Grants)

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Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Assistance Listings: 66.818 -- Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

Last Updated: November 20, 2025   View version history on Grants.gov ⧉

Description

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The Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization is announcing the availability of $58.7 million dollars to award approximately 39 cooperative agreements under the Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant program. Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. A portion of the Assessment Grant funding must be used to conduct site assessments. Assessment Coalition Grants are designed for one "lead" eligible entity to partner with two to four eligible entities that do not have the capacity to apply for and manage their own EPA cooperative agreement and otherwise would not have access to Brownfields Grant resources.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants

Miscellaneous

- Other

Additional information

See Section 2 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for eligibility information.

Closing: January 28, 2026

Application process

This site is a work in progress. Go to www.grants.gov to apply, track application status, and subscribe to updates.

View on Grants.gov ⧉

Award

$58,700,000	39
Program Funding	Expected awards

$--	$1,500,000
Award Minimum	Award Maximum

Funding opportunity number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-25-05

Cost sharing or matching requirement:

No

Funding instrument type:

Miscellaneous

- Other

Additional information

See Section 2 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for eligibility information.

Grantor contact information

Description

Elyse Salinas, 202-564-2858 See Section 1 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Regional Contacts.

Email

brownfields@epa.gov

brownfields@epa.gov

Documents

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File name	Description	Last updated
EPA-OLEM-OBLR-25-05.pdf	Full Announcement	Nov 20, 2025 04:50 PM UTC

Link to additional information

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Funding opportunity number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-25-05

Cost sharing or matching requirement:

No

Funding instrument type:

Cooperative agreement

Opportunity Category:

Discretionary

Opportunity Category Explanation:

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Category of Funding Activity:

Environment

Category Explanation:

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EPA Competitive Opportunities

EPA Program Office Websites

- In addition to Grants.gov, some EPA programs have funding opportunity information (ex: Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia: https://www.epa.gov/circulareconomy/solid-waste-infrastructure-recycling-grants-tribes-and-intertribal-consortia)

SAM.gov Federal Assistance Listings (formerly CFDA):

- https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings

- Read more about assistance programs

- Typical funding amounts, types of projects funded, eligible entities, and more

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Wage Determinations

Federal Hierarchy
Departments and Subtiers

Federal Assistance
Assistance Listings and Subaward Reports (was FSRS.gov)

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Entities, Disaster Response Registry, Exclusions, and Responsibility / Qualification (was FAPIIS.gov)

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SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting

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Announcements

New timeline for decommissioning of eSRS.gov   Nov 25

The decommissioning of eSRS.gov has been postponed to early 2026. This change was implemented to provide federal agencies and entities with adequate time to finalize their

How to get a Unique Entity ID

GSA Get a Unique Entity ID in SAM.gov   ⋮

Assistance Listing

- Overview
- Authorizations
- Financial Information
- Criteria for Applying
- Applying for Assistance
- Compliance Requirements
- Contact Information
- History

ASSISTANCE LISTINGS

Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants - Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act

Assistance Listing

Department/Ind. Agency
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CFDA Number
66.424

Related Federal Assistance
66.510 , 66.436 , 66.716

View available opportunities on Grants.gov related to this Assistance Listing ⧉

Overview

Objectives

To support developing, expanding, planning, implementing, and improving environmental training associated with source water and drinking water. To develop and expand capabilities of programs to carry out the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Funding Priorities - Fiscal Year 2021: Funding priorities include providing assistance for the following training activities: (1) training personnel who manage or operate public water systems; (2) training personnel for occupations involving the public health aspects of providing safe drinking water; (3) training to develop and expand the capabilities of states and municipalities to carry out the SDWA; and (4) expanding, planning, implementing, and improving training to enable small public water systems to meet the requirements of SDWA.

Examples of Funded Projects

Fiscal Year 2021: Funding will continue to support: training states in effective implementation of SDWA requirements; training assistance to states in ground water protection and conservation; developing utility planning tools and training; capacity development support and training; training for source water protection through prevention; expanding, planning, implementing, and improving training to enable small public water systems to meet the requirements of SDWA.

Assistance Listing Description

Funding supports training associated with source water and drinking water, and projects to develop and expand capabilities of programs to carry out the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Assistance is for expanding, planning, implementing, and improving training to enable small public water systems to meet the requirements of SDWA.
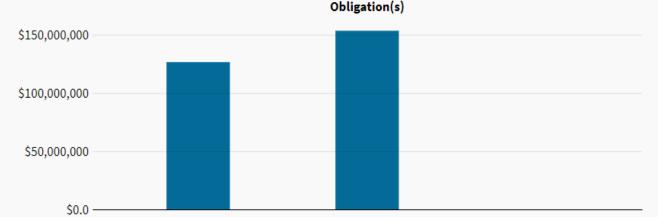
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National Environmental Policy Act , Section 102(2)(F)

Title Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442, as amended, Public Law 104-182

Financial Information
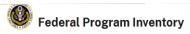
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Obligation(s)

EPA Competitive Opportunities

Federal Program Inventory

- In 2024, OMB launched the Federal Program Inventory (FPI) website. The FPI takes a "deeper dive" into Federal financial assistance by providing publicly available, agency-provided data pulled from SAM.gov and USASpending.gov. https://fpi.omb.gov/

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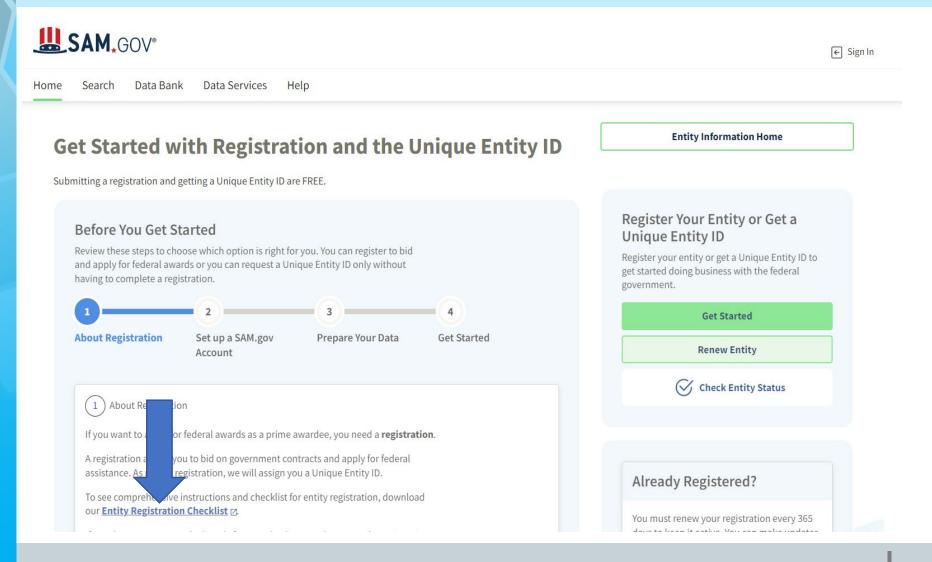
SAM.gov and Grants.gov Registration

Before you Apply to an EPA Competitive Opportunity: SAM.gov Registration

If you want to apply for an EPA Competitive Opportunity, you need an active SAM.gov registration.

- As part of registration, SAM.gov will assign you a Unique Entity ID.

  - If you do not want to apply directly for awards, then you do not need a registration. If you only conduct certain types of transactions, such as reporting as a sub-awardee, you may not need to complete a registration. You may only need a Unique Entity ID, which is NOT the same as a SAM.gov registration.

- To see comprehensive instructions and checklist for entity registration, download the SAM.gov **Entity Registration Checklist** (PDF).

- A key part of the SAM.gov registration is identifying an **EBiz point of contact** (name and email address). This is key as you move forward to register in Grants.gov and apply.

- Please note that SAM.gov utilizes Login.gov since 2018. Login.gov is a free secure sign in service used by the public to sign in to participating government agencies system. The public can use the same username and password to access any agency that partners with Login.gov. This streamlines processes and eliminates the need to remember multiple usernames and passwords.

Getting to the Entity Registration Checklist...

https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration

Before you Apply to an EPA Competitive Opportunity: Grants.gov Registration

You completed SAM.gov Registration and identified an **EBiz point of contact**. Now what?

- Once you have registered in SAM.gov, and before applying for a funding opportunity, you need to register an account with Grants.gov.

  - For instructions, please view the **How to Register with Grants.gov** video.

- Once you have a Grants.gov account, users may **add a profile** to associate with an applicant organization. See **Applicant Registration** for more details.

- Prior to being able to complete or submit application packages in grants.gov on behalf of your organization, your organization's EBiz POC must authorize roles. This safeguards your organization from individuals who may attempt to submit grant application packages without permission.

- If you do not have the correct roles assigned by your organization in Grants.gov, you may receive a "Bad Request" error when initiating the application process. Please contact Grants.gov support if you encounter this issue.

- Please note that Grants.gov utilizes Login.gov since February 2022. (RAIN-2022-G03)

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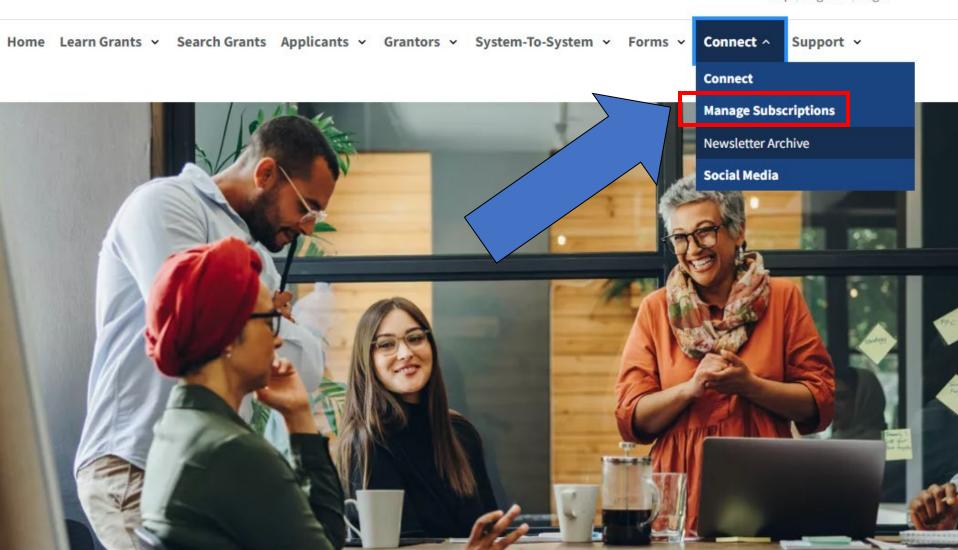
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» Subscribe to all new grant opportunities

Receive a daily email listing all new grant opportunities

» Subscribe to opportunities

Receive notifications when changes are made to a specific opportunity's forecast, synopsis and/or packages

» Subscribe to saved searches for grant opportunities

Receive notifications for new opportunities matching saved search criteria

For more information on Grants.gov Subscriptions, please review the Connect with

Applying on Grants.gov Workspace

Workspace is the <u>only</u> method of submitting an application (unless you have an S2S connection)

- Reuse forms and auto-populate data

- Collaborative

- Detect errors earlier

- Best submission process for users with connectivity issues

Read more about [Workspace](#) and view the [Workspace Video Series](#)

Other Resources

New to Federal Grants?:

How to Register to Apply for Grants

Workspace Information

Grants.gov:

Applicant Resources

Grants.gov YouTube Channel

EPA-Specific Grants:

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Preparing Applications

- Each NOFO has unique instructions and requirements

- Read the NOFO for eligibility information, deadlines, application content, review criteria, and more

- [EPA's Competition Policy](#)

EPA Notices of Funding Opportunity

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Changes

As of October 1, 2024, NOFOs have a substantially different format.

The new NOFO format is:

1. Basic Information

2. Eligibility

3. Program Description

4. Application Contents and Format

5. Submission Requirements and Deadlines

6. Application Review Information

7. Award Notices

8. Post Award Requirements and Administration

9. Other Information

What's Included in an EPA NOFO

Appendix I to Part 200 - Full Text of Notice of Funding Opportunity regulations provide requirements for funding opportunities.

Section 1 – Basic Information

- Plain language summary of program

- How many grants are expected to be issued and expected amounts

- Agency Contacts

- Key Dates

What's Included in an EPA NOFO

[Appendix I to Part 200 - Full Text of Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) regulations provide requirements for funding opportunities.

Section 2 – Eligibility

- Who can apply

- Cost Share

- Any additional restrictions

Section 3 – Program Description

- Description of specific grant activities to eligible for funding

- Goals and Objectives

- EPA's Statutory Authority

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Section 4 – Application Contents

- Required Documents

- Any formatting requirements

- Description of documents that may be required from successful applicants

Reminder: All EPA grant applications are submitted online.
Visit: EPA Applicant and Recipient Forms

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Section 5 – Submission Requirements and Deadlines

- Submission Deadline

- SAM.gov Requirements

- Grants.gov Registration and Requirements

- Submission Instructions

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Section 6 – Application Review

- How applications will be evaluated

- Review Criteria

- Any other factors

Section 7 – Award Notices

- Wait for an official award document

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Section 8 – Post Award Requirements

- General Terms and Conditions

- Reporting on grant activities and progress

Section 9 – Other Information

- Additional legal requirements & link to clauses

- Other guidance

Modifications

EPA occasionally modifies NOFOs

- Due dates, clarification of requirements, etc.

Automatic Notification

- Sign up on Grants.gov for automatic notification of modifications to specific NOFOs
- Modifications posted on Grants.gov

Communicating with Applicants: Do's and Don'ts

Communications with Applicants

- See Section 11 of the [Competition Policy](#)

- Limitations on what can be discussed and when

- Pre-proposal assistance
  - Many programs will post Q&As on a website
  - Some programs offer conference calls/webinars where applicants can ask questions

Communications with Applicants

EPA **can**:

- Answer applicant eligibility questions – if uncertain about if you are eligible or your project is eligible ask before proposal submission

- Clarify info on administrative aspects of proposal submission

- Respond to requests for clarification of the NOFO

NOTE: Clarifications that result in changes to the NOFO must be communicated (via modification on Grants.gov) to all potential applicants

Communications with Applicants

EPA **cannot**:

- Offer to write applications for applicants

- Review or comment on draft applications

- Provide information on the Agency's approach to evaluating applications beyond what is described in Section 6 of the NOFO

- Provide a competitive advantage to any applicant

Evaluation and Selection

EPA Program Offices evaluate each eligible application using the criteria in Section 6 and make selections based on ranking and Other Factors listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Applicants that are ineligible or not selected will be notified and have 15 days to request a debriefing. See [EPA's Solicitation Clauses](#) for information on requesting debriefings and filing disputes.

Selected applicants will be notified and instructed on next steps.

Selection Notification Is Not Approval to Begin Work

Selected applications undergo additional reviews to ensure compliance with programmatic and administrative grant requirements.

Only a Notice of Award signed by an EPA Award Official legally obligates federal funds and indicates the recipient can begin work.

Questions?

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