



Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants



Application deadline: 9/26/2025



Available funding: \$10M-\$14M

Note: Current as of August 4th, 2025. Subject to change with future announcements (e.g., agency announcements, revised NOFOs).

Source: [Brownfields Job Training Grants Notice of Funding](#)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Brownfields Job Training program funds trainings to unemployed and under-employed residents of communities impacted by brownfields¹



Goals and merit criteria:

The Brownfields Job Training Program allows graduates to develop the skills needed to **secure full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, and petroleum products within the larger environmental field, including sustainable cleanup and reuse, and chemical safety**

Merit criteria include:

- Demonstrated community need, including the extent to which trainings will meet the labor market demand and help facilitate the identification and reduction of threats to human health and the environment
- Comprehensive, achievable, need-structured training curriculum
- Clearly identified desired program outputs and post-program outcomes
- The extend of the applicant efforts to collaborate with outside organizations to enhance environmental, job-training, and community impact

1. A brownfield is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant
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Brownfields Jobs Training Grants details

Match funding
requirement: No¹

Direct Pay
applicability: No

Eligible grant uses

- Funds may be used to offer trainings in:
- Brownfields hazardous waste training “Green Remediation” technologies
 - Green infrastructure and stormwater management
 - Emergency planning, preparedness, and response for contamination on brownfield sites
 - Enhanced environmental health and safety related to site remediation
 - Energy efficiency and alternative energy technologies
 - Assessment, inventory, analysis, and remediation of brownfield sites
 - Use of techniques and methods for cleanup of hazardous substances
 - Building trades related to constructing berms, caps, synthetic barriers, pumping facilities, bioretention systems, and similar structures to remediate contamination and site preparation
 - Awareness training in environmental stewardship

Award amounts

Anticipated no. of awards	Up to 20 Brownfields Job Training grants anticipated
Award minimum	No minimum award level listed
Award maximum	An applicant may request up to \$500,000 in funding
Period of performance	The performance period for a Job Training Grant is up to five years

1. Brownfields does not have any explicit cost sharing or matching funds requirements, nor will voluntary cost share be accepted under this program
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High-level requirements to apply for a Job Training grant

Brownfields grants are available to government and non-profit entities. Previous grantees may not re-apply.



Eligible Entities

- General Purpose Unit of Local Government
- Land Clearance Authority
- Government Entity Created by State Legislature
- Regional Council or group of General-Purpose Units of Local Government
- Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state
- State
- Indian tribe other than in Alaska
- Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community
- Nonprofit organization; including, but not limited to, organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Public and nonprofit private institutions of higher education



Key Application Components¹

- Narrative Information Sheet (3-page limit, single-spaced)
- The Narrative, which includes responses to all seven ranking criteria (12-page limit, single spaced)
- Attachments (15-page limit) (see Section IV.F.)
- Documentation of applicant eligibility (if applicable)
- Milestone Schedule
- Documentation of Other Factors
- Partnership Letters identified in your application

Additional information on application

Other application considerations:

- The Brownfields Job Training Grant will be awarded in the form of a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements require EPA's Project Officers to be substantially involved in overseeing the work performed by the selected recipients.

1. Not inclusive of all requirements to apply; please refer to NOFO for the detailed eligibility and application requirements

Examples of past winners (Michigan and comparable communities)



Green Door Initiative (2023)

Applicant: Green Door Initiative

Impacted locality: Detroit, MI

Funding: \$500,000

Project description: Green Door Initiative plans to train 345 students and place them in at least 270 in environmental jobs. Students who complete the training will earn up to three state and four federal certifications. Green Door Initiative is targeting students within the City of Detroit, particularly individuals who are underemployed and unemployed, lack post-secondary education, or have justice-system involvement. Key partners include BDS Environmental, Breaking Chains Mending Minds, City Abatement Services, LLC, the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Go Green Contracting, Great Lakes Restoration Service, the Team Wellness Center, and UAW Health and Safety



Southwest Economic Solutions (2021, 2025)

Applicant: Southwest Economic Solutions

Impacted locality: Detroit, MI

Funding: \$315,000

Project description: Southwest Economic Solutions plans to train 60 students and place 34 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 110 hours of instructional training, as detailed in the chart below. Students who complete the training will earn up to 12 federal certifications. Southwest Economic Solutions is targeting students within the City of Detroit, with a focus on unemployed, underemployed, and economically underserved adults, as well as veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness. Key partners include the American Job Center, the Michigan Works Agency, Detroit at Work, Detroit Home Builders, the Michigan Department of Corrections, and North America's Building Trades Unions