



# Brownfields - Job Training (JT) Grants



Application deadline<sup>1</sup>:  
08/15/2024



Available funding: \$14M

<sup>1</sup> FY25 open application

Source: [NOFO](#)

# The Brownfields Job Training grant program provides funding to deliver trainings to unemployed and under-employed residents from communities impacted by brownfields



## Purpose and goals of the program:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program empowers states, Tribal Nations, communities, and other stakeholders to build strong partnerships and local capacity to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfield sites<sup>1</sup>

The **Brownfields Job Training** Grants allow nonprofits, local governments, and other organizations to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of areas affected by the presence of brownfield sites. Through the Brownfields Job Training Program, graduates 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**

Source: [NOEO](#)

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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STATE OF MICHIGAN

# Brownfields Jobs Training grant details

Brownfields does not have any explicit cost sharing or matching funds requirements however, voluntary cost sharing can be used as leverage

Training projects		
Eligible grant uses		Funds may be used to offer trainings in:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brownfields hazardous waste training “Green Remediation” technologies</li><li>• Green infrastructure and stormwater management</li><li>• Emergency planning, preparedness, and response training for emergencies leading to contamination on brownfield sites</li><li>• Enhanced environmental health and safety related to site remediation</li><li>• Energy efficiency and alternative energy technologies</li><li>• Training in assessment, inventory, analysis, and remediation of brownfield sites</li><li>• Use of techniques and methods for cleanup of hazardous substances</li><li>• Awareness training in Environmental Stewardship</li><li>• Environmental Justice Training in climate change mitigation and adaption</li></ul>
Award amounts	Anticipated no. of awards	Approx. <b>20</b> Brownfields Job Training grants anticipated
	Award size	An applicant may request up to <b>\$500,000</b> in funding
	Anticipated period of performance	The performance period for a Job Training Grant is <b>up to five years</b>

# Examples of past winners



## Brownfield

### Redevelopment in Detroit (2020)

**Applicant:** City of Detroit

**Impacted locality:** Detroit

**Funding:** \$200,000

**Project description:** EPA's Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Program played an important role in the on-going redevelopment of the Detroit riverfront east of downtown. The city of Detroit made the first investment in the OAC project using \$200,000 from the Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Program to remove contaminated soils on the site

**Grant goals and merit criteria addressed:**

- Safe and sustainable clean-up



## EPA Region 5 Brownfields

### Program (2023)

**Applicant:** Communities in Illinois , Indiana , Michigan , Minnesota , Ohio , and Wisconsin

**Impacted locality:** Local communities

**Funding:** \$840,000

**Project description:** As of May 2024, the Region 5 Brownfields Program has assessed 9,282 properties, cleaned up 461 sites, leveraged more than \$7.63 billion, and created 50,445 jobs over the last 19 years. Examples include the Green Era Renewable Energy and Urban Farming Campus in Chicago, Record Box Warehouse Redevelopment in Battle Creek, Michigan.

**Program goals and merit criteria addressed:**

- Brownfield clean-up and reuse
- Employment generation from Brownfield redevelopment projects

# What you will need to apply for a Brownfields 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 Components<sup>1</sup>

- Federal application materials required by [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- Narrative Information Sheet (3-page limit, single-spaced)
- The Narrative, which includes responses to all seven ranking criteria (12-page limit, singles paced)
- Attachments (15-page limit) (see Section IV.F.)
  - o Documentation of applicant eligibility (if applicable)
  - o Milestone Schedule
  - o Documentation of Other Factors
  - o 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