

# EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT SUPPORT

## Guidance for Application Presentation



The EPA's **Brownfields Assessment Grants program** provides funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess and conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific cleanup plans and conduct community engagement related to brownfield sites.

It's never too early to start. Early preparation helps facilitate a smooth grant application process. ECS partners with clients to provide guidance through the grant application process, from preparation to performance period.

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**FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES** are generally published in early fall with November application deadlines. Many states also have brownfields grants available, with some accepting grant applications year-round.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Familiarize yourself with the grant lifecycle
- Establish the core elements of your brownfields program
- Develop a grant application outline
- Identify community needs
- Establish key community partnerships
- Describe your project and identify the benefits
- Determine your eligibility status as an applicant
- Determine the site eligibility
- Identify the funding opportunities that fit your project
- Learn about reporting requirements upon receiving funding
- Apply for the grant

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# BROWNFIELDS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with federal partners, state agencies, Tribal Nations and other EPA offices to provide direct funding for a variety of brownfield-related activities.



## COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT GRANTS

A **Community-wide Assessment Grant** is appropriate for communities that are beginning to address their brownfield challenges, as well as for communities that have ongoing efforts to bring sites into productive reuse.

**Award:** up to \$500,000

**Performance period:** up to four years

## ASSESSMENT COALITION GRANTS

**Assessment Coalitions** 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.

**Award:** up to \$1,500,000

**Performance period:** up to four years

## BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANTS

**Cleanup Grants** provide funding for eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. An applicant must own the site for which it is requesting funding. These grants are not available every year and funding opportunities above \$500,000 are limited.

**Award:** up to \$2,000,000

**Performance period:** up to four years

ECS is a leader in environmental consulting and engineering associated with your brownfields and urban redevelopment projects. Our 90+ offices across the US serve multiple industry sectors. ECS' bench depth of technical experts in federal and state brownfields programs helps you convert underused, idle or abandoned properties into thriving community assets.

## MULTIPURPOSE EPA GRANTS

A **Multipurpose Grant** is for communities that have identified a discrete area (such as a neighborhood, a number of neighboring towns, a district, etc.) with one or more brownfield sites. These grants provide funding for communities to carry out a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities, including planning and additional community engagement activities.

**Award:** up to \$1,000,000

**Performance period:** up to five years

## BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS GRANTS

**Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants** provide funding for a recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide loans and subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. When loans are repaid, the loan amount is returned to the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing an ongoing source of capital within a community.

**Award:** up to \$1,000,000

**Performance period:** up to five years

## BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING GRANTS

The **Brownfields Job Training (JT) Program** promotes the facilitation of activities related to assessment, cleanup or preparation of contaminated sites and brownfields for reuse, while simultaneously building a skilled local workforce capable of performing remediation work that is supportive of environmental protection, health and safety.

**Award:** up to \$500,000

**Performance period:** up to five years