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- Technical Assistance for Communities
- Benefits of Brownfields Redevelopment
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Overview

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- *Five Types of Grants:*
 - Assessment grants
 - Revolving Loan Fund grants
 - Cleanup grants
 - Area-wide Planning grants
 - Job Training grants
 - State and Tribal Response Program

- *Technical Assistance:*
 - Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)
 - Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB Program)

Assessment Grants

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- Provide funding to:
 - Inventory and assess sites
 - Cleanup and conduct redevelopment planning
 - Conduct community involvement and facilitate area wide planning

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - General purpose units of local government
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies

- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 to assess properties contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and/or \$200,000 for petroleum sites
 - For site-specific proposals, may seek waiver of \$200,000 limit and request up to \$350,000
 - Up to \$1 M for assessment coalition

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants

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- Provides funding to capitalize a revolving loan fund that provides loans and subgrants to carry out cleanup of brownfield sites.

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - General purpose units of local government
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies

- Funding:
 - Up to \$1,000,000 per eligible entity
 - Funds may be used to address properties contaminated hazardous substances and/or petroleum
 - Requires a 20 percent cost share

Cleanup Grants

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- Provide funding for cleanup activities at brownfield sites.

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - General purpose units of local government
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies
 - Non-profit organizations

*Applicants must own the property at time of application

- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 per site (total of 3 sites)
 - Requires a 20 percent cost share

Area-Wide Planning Grants

- Provides planning assistance (not for site assessment or cleanup) to:
 - advance an ongoing local planning process,
 - conduct community involvement,
 - conduct market and infrastructure analysis,
 - develop an area-wide plan for a brownfields-impacted area, including site reuse strategies, and
 - identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan...within a brownfields-impacted area such as a neighborhood, district, city block, corridor, etc.

- Who is eligible?
 - See: same as cleanup grant applicants (Up to \$200k each)

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Program

(formerly “Brownfields Job Training Grant Program”)

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- Provides funding to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of communities affected by solid and hazardous waste to facilitate cleanup of contaminated properties and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field.
- Now supports training in various media (solid waste, Superfund, brownfields, emergency response, wastewater treatment, chemical safety, etc.)
- Who is eligible?
 - States, counties, municipalities, Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, and U.S. Territories
 - Colleges and universities
 - Community job training organizations
 - Non-profit training centers and Workforce Investment Boards
- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 each

State and Tribal Program

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- Supports establishment and enhancement of State and Tribal Response Programs. Includes support for capacity building, site assessment, cleanup and related program support.

- Who is eligible?
 - States, tribes, US territories

- Funding:
 - ~\$50M Annually

Technical Assistance

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Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)

- EPA contractor-led environmental assessments
- Requested by communities, non-competitive
- Especially useful for small and rural communities as well as environmental justice communities
- Requests are accepted by regions on a rolling basis

Technical Assistance

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Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB Program)

- ❑ Provides geographically-based technical assistance and training to communities and other stakeholders on brownfield issues.
- ❑ Available to help guide communities through the cleanup and redevelopment process. TAB Grantees can offer:
 - help in preparing grant proposals,
 - performing site inventories,
 - reviewing historical information,
 - assisting with the design of the investigation/sampling/field analysis,
 - and cleanup and redevelopment planning

TAB Providers:

- ❑ New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)—EPA Regions 1, and 3
- ❑ Kansas State University (KSU)—EPA Regions 5, 6, 7, and 8
- ❑ Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)—EPA Regions 2, 9 and 10

Benefits from Brownfields Funding

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- ❑ **Through fiscal year 2008, Brownfields funding:**
 - leveraged \$18.68 dollars for every EPA Brownfields dollar expended at a brownfields property
 - leveraged 7.75 jobs per \$100,000 EPA Brownfields federal dollars expended

- ❑ **Environmental (Air and Water) Benefits of Brownfields -** brownfield sites have greater location efficiency resulting in 47% reduced vehicle miles traveled for trips associated with these sites

- ❑ **Additional Benefits of Brownfields Redevelopment-** Property values increase 5-13% once a nearby brownfield is assessed/cleaned up.

Overall Accomplishments

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- ❑ Leveraged \$120.3 billion in cleanup and redevelopment
- ❑ Leveraged more than 90,300 jobs
- ❑ Supported assessments at more than 20,600 properties
- ❑ 896 properties have been reported as cleaned up
- ❑ More than 12,300 trained and more than 8,800 placed in employment under the EWDJT Program.