

EPA Acronym Update: MAC Grants, EJ & TA

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Recent Changes to Brownfields Grants



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Brownfields

- Historic investment in the EPA Brownfields Program
 - \$1.2 Billion invested in Brownfield Project Grants
- Drastic increase in Brownfield Grant amounts being awarded through fiscal year 2026.



FY24 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Offerings

Grant Type	Maximum Project Period	Maximum Amount Per Grant	Estimated # of Awards	Total Per Grant Type	
				Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds	Regular Appropriated Funds
Multipurpose	5 years	\$1,000,000	20		\$20,000,000
Assessment (State/Tribal Level)	5 years	\$2,000,000	25	\$50,000,000	
Assessment Coalitions	4 years	\$1,500,000	26		\$40,000,000
Assessment (CW) - New	4 years	\$500,000	30		\$15,000,000
Assessment (CW) - Existing	4 years	\$500,000	30		\$15,000,000
Cleanup	4 years	\$500,000	40	\$20,000,000	
Cleanup	4 years	\$2,000,000	17	\$35,000,000	
Cleanup	4 years	\$5,000,000	8	\$40,000,000	
			196	\$145,000,000	\$90,000,000
				\$235,000,000	

NO COST SHARE



Changes to Guidelines

- EPA is no longer providing flexibility to applicants experiencing challenges related to COVID-19
- Participant Support Costs for Assessment Grants and Multipurpose Grants allows use of grant funds to enhance community engagement activities (e.g. stipends for attendees at community meetings). See current Guidelines for additional information.
- Applicants that have already procured a contractor must provide:
 - The length of time the RFP/RFQ was advertised;
 - The name(s) of the firm(s) the applicant entered into contract with; and
 - A copy or link to the solicitation and the signed executed contract



Changes to Guidelines

- Promoting Environmental Justice criterion has been split into two criteria
 - Identification of Environmental Issues
 - Advancing Environmental Justice
- Plan to Measure and Evaluate Environmental Progress and Results Section
- Guidance on Classifying Construction Costs
 - If the principle purpose (i.e., 50% or more of the estimated cost) of the contract is for construction services, then the cost for the contract should be placed on the “Construction” budget line.



Changes to Guidelines

- Updated Phase I Standard ASTM E1527-13 is now Phase I Standard ASTM E1527-21



FY24 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Offerings

- Current competition round offering Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants (not RLF)
- Reminder that HQ administration is placing a greater focus on Assessment Coalition and Cleanup Grants for fiscal year 2024
- Application submission deadline is **November 13, 2023**
- April-May 2024—Selections will be announced
- June-September 2024—Workplans and grant paperwork finalized
- September-October 2024—Grants awarded/funds become available



EPA Region 6 Grant Chats

- Only two EPA Region 6 Grant Chats are left!
 - November 2 at 11:00AM CT—Last Minute Tips, Tricks, & Submission Requirements
 - November 9 at 11:00AM CT—General Q & A



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Environmental Justice and Brownfields

- Recent inclusion on how Brownfields Projects will promote Environmental Justice among disadvantaged communities/populations
- EJScreen has been recently updated
 - National consistent dataset for combining environmental and demographic socioeconomic indicators
 - <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>
- Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
 - Census tracts that are overburdened and underserved are highlighted as being disadvantaged.
 - <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>



Technical Assistance



Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)



Provided by EPA or State, at no cost to the applicant

- Phase I – Research
- Phase II – Sampling



Available year-round, case-by-case basis, performed by service contractors and managed by EPA or State



Want additional information?
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Brownfields Technical Assistance Kansas State University—Technical Assistance to Brownfields

KSU-TAB provides technical assistance to communities and other stakeholders on brownfields issues to increase the community's understanding and involvement in brownfields cleanup and revitalization and help to move brownfields sites toward cleanup and reuse.

KSU-TAB assistance is provided as a service, rather than a funding opportunity.

The basic types of services include:

- Advising on grant proposal preparation
- Direct technical mentoring
- Technical assistance workshops
- Information sharing and education



Brownfields Land Revitalization Program

Technical assistance to communities on site-specific brownfields projects

- Site reuse plan & design
- Strategic action plan
- Technical analysis
- Economic analysis
- Transportation & site access improvements

Regarding sustainable reuse of abandoned and contaminated properties

- Green infrastructure
- Stimulating the marketplace
- Transit-oriented development
- Renewable energy and other revitalization needs



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Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program

Requirements Key to a Successful TA Project

- Project-specific support
 - Project Champion—local project
 - Clear understanding of project needs, deliverables and implementation
 - Ability to advance specific priority projects
 - Completely engaged throughout the process
 - Able to bring in partners
 - Keep TA project on track
 - Direct contractor expertise
 - Complement activities grantee is already doing with Brownfields grant
 - Project selections are contingent on available funding and management approval
 - Timeframe for TA is between 4-6 months



Links

EPA's National Brownfields Website:
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

EPA's Region 6 Brownfields Website:
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/r6>

EPA Brownfield 101 Factsheets
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/understanding-brownfields>



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A close-up photograph of a computer keyboard. The central focus is on two keys: a blue key with the word "Questions" in white, italicized font, and a green key with the word "Answers" in white, italicized font. The keys are slightly raised and have rounded edges. Surrounding these keys are other white keys, including one with a black "C" and another with a black "D". The lighting is bright, creating soft shadows and highlights on the keys' surfaces.

Questions

Answers



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