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GRANT INSIGHTS

The purpose of the **Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grants** program is to provide funding for the direct costs associated with the inventory, site prioritization, community involvement, site reuse planning, assessment, and cleanup planning for brownfield sites. Brownfield revitalization can support community efforts to become more resilient to climate change impacts by incorporating adaptation and mitigation strategies

throughout the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment process. Program funds are authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

| Federal Agency Name | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
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| Funding Opportunity | National Brownfields Program - FY 24 Assessment Coalition Grants (PART F) |

| NOFO Release Date | 9/21/2023 |
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| Letter of Intent Due Date | n/a |
| Application Due Date | 11/13/2023 by 11:59 pm ET via <u>www.grants.gov</u> |
| # of Programs: | There are six (6) different program components in total: (Part A) Community-Wide Assessment Grants, (Part B) Revolving Loan Fund Grants, (Part C) Clean-up Grants, (Part D) Multi-Purpose (MP) Grants, (Part E) Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes, and (Part F) Assessment Coalition Grants Note: Each program has its own NOFO and requirements |
| Total Funding Available | \$40M |
| Award Minimum | \$500,000 |
| Award Maximum | \$1.5M |
| Recipient Cost-Share/ Match Requirements: | None |
| Summary | Project Objectives: Projects must further efforts to develop inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site- specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. A portion of the Assessment Grant funding must be used to conduct site assessments. Assessment Grant funds may not be used to conduct clean-up activities. |

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| Eligible Applicants | The following entities are eligible to apply as the lead entity: State County government Federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Native regional/village corporations Regional Council under governmental authority Groups of general-purpose units of local government |
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| | The following entities are eligible to apply as non-lead members of a coalition: |

General purpose units of local government

| | Land clearance authorities Government entity created by State legislature Regional Council under governmental authority Redevelopment agency sanctioned by a state Federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native regional/village corporations Non profits (section 501(c)(3) IRS code) Qualified community development entities (section 45D(c)(1) IRS code) |
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| Special Considerations | Applicants may not submit multiple applications under this solicitation. Entities applying for (or who are a non-lead member of) an FY24 Assessment Coalition Grant may not apply for (or be a non-lead coalition member of) an FY24 Community-Wide Assessment Grant, FY24 Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes, or an FY24 Multi-Purpose Grant. Additionally, non-lead coalition members of an FY24 Assessment Coalition Grant may not apply for an FY24 Clean-up Grant. Entities awarded (or pending award for) an FY22 or FY23 Community-wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes are not eligible to apply under this solicitation or be a non-lead member of an FY24 coalition. Applicants should provide specific examples of how the proposed Brownfield Multi-Purpose Grant project will address environmental justice challenges. |
| Notes | A brownfield site is defined in CERCLA § 101(39) as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence—or potential presence—of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum, or petroleum products, or mine-scarred land. Assessment Coalition Grants 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 cooperative agreement from the funding agency and otherwise would not have access to resources through this program. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than four, non-lead coalition members. A non-lead member may not be an agency or instrumentality of, or affiliated with, the lead member or another non-lead member in the same coalition. The Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant will be awarded in the form of a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements require the EPA Project Officer to be substantially involved in overseeing the work performed by the selected recipients. For examples of grant project accomplishments across the country, please see the EPA Brownfield <u>Grant Recipients Success Stories</u> . For more information on a range of brownfield funding topics, please refer to the <u>FY24 FAQs</u> . |
| Contact Information | For a full list of EPA Regional Brownfield program contacts, please see Page 54 of the <u>NOFO</u> or visit <u>www.epa.gov/brownfields</u> |

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