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# **GRANT INSIGHTS**

The purpose of the **Brownfields Cleanup Grant** is to support cleanup activities addressing hazardous substances and/or petroleum contamination at one or more brownfield sites owned by applicants. Direct costs may be used for brownfield site cleanup, programmatic management of the award, limited health monitoring and enforcement activities by local governments, and purchases of environmental insurance. Program funds are authorized through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Federal Agency Name	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Funding Opportunity	National Brownfields Program - FY 24 Clean Up Grant (Part C)

NOFO Release Date	9/21/2023
Letter of Intent Due Date	n/a
<b>Application Due Date</b>	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	\$95M
Award Minimum	0
Award Maximum	\$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. Eligible applicant can

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	propose work on one or more brownfield sites.

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Eligible Applicants	<ul> <li>State</li> <li>Local government (county, city, municipal, town)</li> <li>Tribal government</li> <li>Regional Council under governmental authority</li> <li>Land clearance authorities</li> <li>Redevelopment agencies sanctioned by a state</li> <li>Nonprofits (section 501(c)(3) IRS code)</li> <li>*Eligible sites must have an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) E1903-11 Phase II environmental site assessment report or equivalent that indicates what contaminants need to be cleaned up on each site.</li> <li>Ineligible entities include for-profit, 501(c)(4) nonprofits, or those liable for the contamination of the site(s).</li> </ul>
Special Considerations	Certain types of sites require a property-specific determination to be eligible for Brownfields Grant funding. Please refer to Section 1.5 in the Information on Sites Eligible for Brownfields Funding under <u>CERCLA § 104(k)</u> and the information on Page 20 of the NOFO to determine whether your site requires a property-specific determination. Entities liable for contamination on the site(s) are not eligible for Brownfields Grant funding. See the Threshold Criteria Related to CERCLA/Petroleum Liability section on Page 20 of the NOFO for more information about site contamination and eligibility factors. An applicant <b>must</b> be the sole owner of the site(s) that is the subject of its Cleanup Grant application and
	must own the site(s) by NOVEMBER 13, 2023, to be eligible to receive a Cleanup Grant. Applicant <b>must</b> provide the community with a notice of intent to apply for the EPA Cleanup Grant; failure to do so in a timely manner can result in disqualification of the application (see Page 30 of the NOFO for details).

Notes	Applicants can submit only one Cleanup Grant Application and affirm they have <b>not</b> received funding from a previously awarded EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant.
	A <b>brownfield site</b> 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.
	Community-Wide Assessment Grants are appropriate for communities beginning to address their brownfield challenges, as well as for communities with ongoing efforts to bring sites into productive reuse.
	EPA anticipates awarding an estimated 40 grants up to \$500k, 17 grants between \$500,001 and \$2M, and 8 grants between \$2,000,001 and \$5M.
	For examples of grant project accomplishments across the country, please see the EPA Brownfield <u>Grant</u> <u>Recipients Success Stories</u> . For more information on a range of brownfield funding topics, please refer to the <u>FY24 FAQs</u> .
<b>Contact Information</b>	For a full list of EPA Regional Brownfield program contacts, please see <b>Page 65</b> of the <u>NOFO</u> or visit <u>www.epa.gov/brownfields</u> .

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