



GRANT INSIGHTS

The purpose of the **Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grants** is to develop inventories of brownfield sites, prioritize sites, conduct community involvement activities, conduct planning, conduct site assessments, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and develop reuse plans related to 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
Funding Opportunity	Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grants - FY25
NOFO Release Date	09/03/2024
Application Due Date	11/14/2024 by 11:59 pm ET via www.grants.gov
# of Programs:	1. Community-Wide Assessment Grants
Total Funding Available	\$46,000,000
Award Minimum	\$300,000
Award Maximum	\$500,000
Recipient Cost-Share/ Match Requirements:	N/A (Voluntary cost-sharing will not be accepted under this competition)
Summary	<p>Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grants are appropriate for communities beginning to address their brownfield challenges, as well as for communities that have ongoing efforts to bring sites into productive reuse.</p> <p>Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grants funds can be used for the direct costs associated with the inventory, site prioritization, community involvement, site reuse planning, assessment, and cleanup planning for brownfield sites. A portion of the Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grants funding must be used to conduct site assessments. Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grants funds may not be used to conduct cleanup activities.</p> <p>Applicants may request funding to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances (i.e., sites with potential contamination of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants) and/or petroleum (i.e., sites with potential petroleum contamination).</p> <p>Successful brownfield reuse and redevelopment often depends on early consideration of local community priorities; market conditions; infrastructure availability; environmental contamination; public health issues; and local ordinances.</p>



	<p>Community-Wide Assessment Grants funds can also be used for programmatic management of the grant; purchase of environmental insurance; and local governments may use up to 10% of their grant funds for the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances from a brownfield site; and • Monitoring and enforcement of any institutional control used to prevent human exposure to any hazardous substance from a brownfield site.
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The following entities are eligible to apply for Community-Wide Assessment Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State; General Purpose Unit of Local Government; Land Clearance Authority; Government Entity Created by State Legislature; Regional Council established under a governmental authority (e.g., Regional Planning Commissions); or a Group of General Purpose Units of Local Government established under Federal, state, or local law (e.g., councils of governments) to function as a single legal entity with authority to enter into binding agreements with the Federal Government; Indian Tribe other than in Alaska; an Alaska Native Regional Corporation; an Alaska Native Village Corporation; the Metlakatla Indian Community; Nonprofit Organizations (i.e., 501(c)(3)); Limited Liability Corporations; Limited Partnerships; and Qualified Community Development Entities as defined in Section 45D(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
<p>Special Considerations</p>	<p>Entities applying for an FY25 Community-Wide Assessment Grant may not apply for (or be a non-lead coalition member of) an FY25 Assessment Coalition Grant or an FY25 Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes.</p> <p>Entities that were awarded (or pending an award for) an FY22, FY23, or FY24 Community-Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes are not eligible to apply for Assessment Grant funding under this solicitation.</p> <p>Applicants can only apply for one Community-Wide Assessment Grant.</p> <p>Applicants are required to demonstrate how they intend to inform and involve the community and other stakeholders in the planning, implementation, and other brownfield assessment activities.</p> <p>The EPA requires applicants to adequately describe environmental outputs (performance measures) and outcomes to be achieved with the award.</p> <p>The EPA encourages communities to take an area-wide approach to planning for the assessment, cleanup, and reuse of brownfield sites; especially where multiple sites are connected through location, infrastructure, economic, social, and environmental conditions.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>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 is mine-scarred land.</p> <p>All applications must be for projects that support Goal 6—Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.1—Clean Up and Restore Land for Productive Uses and Health Communities of EPA’s Strategic Plan. Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grants will be awarded as cooperative agreements. Cooperative agreements require the EPA Project Officer to be substantially involved in overseeing the work performed by selected recipients.</p> <p>For examples of grant project accomplishments across the country, please see the EPA’s Brownfield Grant Recipients’ Success Stories. For more information on a range of brownfield funding topics, please refer to the EPA’s Brownfields Webpage.</p>
<p>Contact Information</p>	<p>For a full list of EPA Regional Brownfield program contacts, please see Page 50 of the NOFO or visit www.epa.gov/brownfields.</p>

