Brownfields Program (Assessment, Cleanup and Multipurpose **Grants) Fact Sheet 2025**

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Category: Environment/Community Development

Eligible Applicants: According to FY25 (Cleanup and Community-wide Assessment) guidelines and FY24 Multipurpose guidelines, eligible applicants may include local, state, and regional government entities, qualifying community development corporations, Indian tribes, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

Total IIJA Funding: \$1.5 billion

Overview: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022 added \$1.5 billion over a fiveyear period to EPA's annual brownfields appropriation, which helps communities assess, clean up, and reuse contaminated properties. The grant application workshop will offer support for the following Brownfield grant types:

- **Assessment Grants**, which fund planning, inventories, and environmental reviews.
- Cleanup Grants, which support remediation of sites owned by the applicant.
- Multipurpose Grants, which serve communities targeting multiple sites within a defined area.

FY26 Grant Funding: TBD. For reference, \$42 million in Community-wide Assessment grant funding and \$100 million in Cleanup grant funding were offered in FY25, and \$20 million in Multipurpose grant funding was offered in FY24.

Match Requirements: Per the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Brownfields grants do not require a matching contribution.

Key Dates: FY26 Assessment, Cleanup and Multipurpose Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) are expected in Fall 2025.

Key Funding Criteria: According to the FY25 (Community-wide Assessment and Cleanup) and FY24 (Multipurpose) NOFOs, key funding criteria may vary for each grant type. For specifics on each grant, please refer to their respective previous NOFOs. In general:

Community-wide Assessment Grants: Applicants must provide information that demonstrates how you intend to inform and involve the community in brownfield assessment activities.

¹ The EPA also offered <u>Assessment Coalition Grants</u> and <u>Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes in FY25.</u> While individual local governments are not eligible to apply for these opportunities, please see their respective guidelines for further eligibility information regarding local government coalitions, tribal governments, regional councils, and other qualified entities.

















- **Cleanup Grants:** Applicants must be the sole owner of the site at the time of application.
- **Multipurpose Grants:** Applicants must be the sole owner of at least one site(s) in the target area.

Additional Funding Opportunities: Additional tax credits, also called bonuses, are available for qualifying energy projects. Several <u>tax credits</u> increase by 10 percent or percentage points if projects are located in energy communities.

Eligible Activities (based on FY24/25 NOFOs):

- Community-wide Assessment Grants: Developing 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.
- Cleanup Grants: Carrying out and overseeing cleanup activities at sites contaminated by petroleum and/or hazardous substances, pollutants, or other contaminants. Up to 10% of grant funds may be used for health monitoring and monitoring and enforcement of institutional controls.
- **Multipurpose Grants:** Developing inventories of brownfield sites; prioritizing sites; conducting environmental site assessments; developing cleanup plans and reuse plans related to brownfield sites; carrying out cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant, and developing an overall plan for revitalization.

Additional Information: Program information is available on the <u>Brownfields</u> webpage.



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