

# Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<u>Bureau:</u> N/A
<u>Application Deadline:</u> February 14, 2023	<u>Max Award:</u> \$5 million

## Description

The Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program aims to provide technical assistance to assist communities facing brownfields challenges. Awarded entities will help communities tackle the challenge of assessing, cleaning up and preparing brownfield sites for redevelopment, especially underserved/rural/small and distressed communities.

## Eligible Recipients

- Local government
- Land Clearance Authority
- Government Entity Created by State Legislature
- Regional Council or group of General-Purpose Units of Local Government
- Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a state
- State
- Indian tribe other than in Alaska
- Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, and Metlakatla Indian Community
- Nonprofit organization

## Matching Grant Requirements

None required

## Eligible Projects

Technical assistance proposed should have the goal of guiding them through the brownfield assessment, cleanup, and revitalization process or helping them understand complex brownfields-related subject matters. Applicants may propose activities including, but not limited to:

- Review and explain technical reports
- Provide information about environmental science, environmental policy, and other technical matters
- Help communities understand and communicate health risks associated with a brownfield site
- Provide information to assist the community to better understand environmental issues and how these issues affect brownfield cleanup and redevelopment
- Facilitate meetings between the local community, developers, lenders, and others involved in the cleanup and reuse of brownfield properties

- Facilitate brownfield redevelopment efforts by supporting community involvement and other stakeholder participation activities
- Facilitate community visioning and reuse sessions and generate written documentation of the results of the technical assistance
- Provide assistance to communities dealing with brownfields-issues related to plant closures, or other significant economic disruptions, including the adverse impacts of natural disasters, or other sector-based economic issues
- Provide assistance in understanding and complying with state Brownfields/Voluntary Cleanup Program requirements, including land use restrictions and other land use controls
- Provide application review services and host cooperative agreement application writing workshops (but TAB recipients are not to provide cooperative agreement application writing services to individual applicants or potential applicants for EPA funding)
- Host workshops and community engagement events to help establish and build strong community relationships
- Provide technical assistance to applicants and recipients of Brownfields grants on compliance with competitive procurement requirements, administrative cost limitations, and similar activities that will help communities use EPA Brownfields funding in compliance with applicable requirements

Applications must include technical assistance in each of the six subject areas below.

1. **Community Involvement:** Technical assistance to support meaningful and consistent participation of community members.
2. **Health Impacts of Brownfield Sites:** Technical assistance to address the connection between health issues and brownfields.
3. **Science and Technology Relating to Brownfields Assessment, Remediation, and Site Preparation:** Technical assistance providing various aspects of brownfields assessment, cleanup and subsequent redevelopment.
4. **Integrated Approaches to Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment:** Technical assistance to address linkages between environmental, economic, community, and public health needs at brownfield sites.
5. **Brownfields Finance:** Technical assistance to assist communities in understanding and addressing economic issues associated with brownfields cleanup.
6. **State, Territorial Tribal, and Local Government Brownfields Programs:** Technical assistance to state, tribal, local government representatives, and other stakeholders. EPA intends to award at least one project in each of the 10 geographic regions and one nationwide program.

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## New or Existing Program

New program

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## Tips for Being Competitive

TAB is a Justice40-covered program, meaning that EPA plans to deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from key federal investments to disadvantaged communities. EPA's Brownfields Program has a rich history rooted in environmental justice and is committed to helping communities revitalize brownfield properties, mitigate potential health risks, and restore economic vitality.

Successful applicants will align projects with the goals of [EPA's FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#). Awards made under this announcement will support Goal 6 – Safeguard and Revitalize Communities, Objective 6.1: Clean Up and Restore Land for Productive Uses and Healthy Communities.

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**Labor Requirements**      None stated

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**Examples of prior award recipients**      In 2021, Kansas State University was selected to provide Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities in EPA's Regions 5-8. More information about Kansas State University's TAB Program can be found at <https://www.ksutab.org/>.

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**Upcoming Webinars and Information Sessions**      “FY 2023 Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Grants” Webinar at December 7, 2022 from 1-2:30pm EST: <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1602190032>

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**Types of Partners Required**      None required. However, EPA anticipates that in order for the applicant to provide the full range of necessary technical assistance to the largest number of communities in the geographic area it may be necessary to form partnerships with other organizations either through subawards or procurements.

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**Total Allocation**      \$53 million

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**Anticipated Award Date**      Not stated

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**Links to Grant Opportunity**

- [Grant Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)
- [Brownfields Technical Assistance, Training and Research: EPA Program Page](#)