

# EPA's Brownfields & Land Revitalization Program

## Program Overview



# EPA Supports Brownfields Revitalization

- Grants and technical assistance to promote:
  - community-driven planning, assessment, clean up and reuse of brownfield sites
  - training for brownfield jobs and workforce development
  - building local capacity to manage brownfield projects and successfully revitalization targeted areas.
- Liability protections to encourage acquisition and investment in brownfield reuse
- Establishing and enhancing state and tribal response programs



# Brownfields Assessments

EPA provides **competitive grants** and **technical assistance** to assess known and potential site contamination.

Activities may include:

- **Inventory:** Compile a list of brownfields
- **Characterization:** Identify past uses
- **Assessment:** Determine existing contamination
- **Planning for Site Cleanup and Reuse:** Scope and plan process for site assessment, cleanup and reuse
- **Community Involvement:** Inform and engage stakeholders



## *Resources to support brownfields assessments*

- Assessment Grants
- Multipurpose Grants
- EPA-led Targeted Brownfields Assessments



# Brownfields Cleanups

EPA provides **competitive grants** for cleanup planning and contaminant abatement/remediation.

Depending on grant type, activities may include:

- **Scope and plan process** for site cleanup and reuse
- **Remediation** at one or more sites owned by the recipient
- **Provide loans and subgrants** for cleanup
- **Community involvement** to inform and engage stakeholders



## *Resources to support brownfields cleanups*

- Cleanup Grants
- Multipurpose Grants
- Revolving Loan Fund Grants



# Brownfield Job Training

EPA provides **competitive grants** to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of communities adversely impacted by the presence of brownfield sites

Training helps graduates develop wider skill sets that improve their ability to secure full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management and within the larger environmental field, including water quality improvement and chemical safety.



# State & Tribal Response Programs

## CERCLA 128(a)

EPA provides **non-competitive grants** annually to **states and Tribes** to conduct the following brownfields activities:

- inventory of sites on state or tribal land
- oversee brownfields resources and enforce state/tribal authority
- provide opportunities for local stakeholders' meaningful participation in brownfields decisions
- approve site cleanup plans, and verify/certify that cleanup goals are completed



*View of the Truckee River in Nevada, from parcels assessed for the Truckee River Flood Project*

# Roles & Responsibilities for Brownfield Activities



## EPA

Awards grants, offers technical assistance and provides tools and guidance



## States and Tribes

Set cleanup standards, develop environmental policy and oversee and approve site cleanup and reuse decisions



## Brownfields Grantees

Use EPA grants, technical assistance and other federal, state and local funds



# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

## Additional funding available, FY22-FY26

Congress has made more than \$1.5 billion available over 5 years to support communities in their efforts to assess, clean up and safely reuse brownfields.

- \$1.2 Billion to support brownfields projects via grants and technical assistance
- \$300 Million to State and Tribal Response Programs

EPA is using these funds to provide a range of resources to help communities address the environmental, economic, and social challenges caused by brownfields.

environmental  
challenges



economic  
challenges



social  
challenges



# Our Five Types of Technical Assistance (TA)

## **Grant**

1. TAB (TA to Brownfield Communities)
2. Topic-specific, national TA

- ✓ Independent resource
- ✓ TA providers are **EPA grantees** who were competitively selected
- ✓ Communities access TA providers **directly**
- ✓ TA available at **grantee's discretion**

## **Grant**

3. Section 128(a) Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

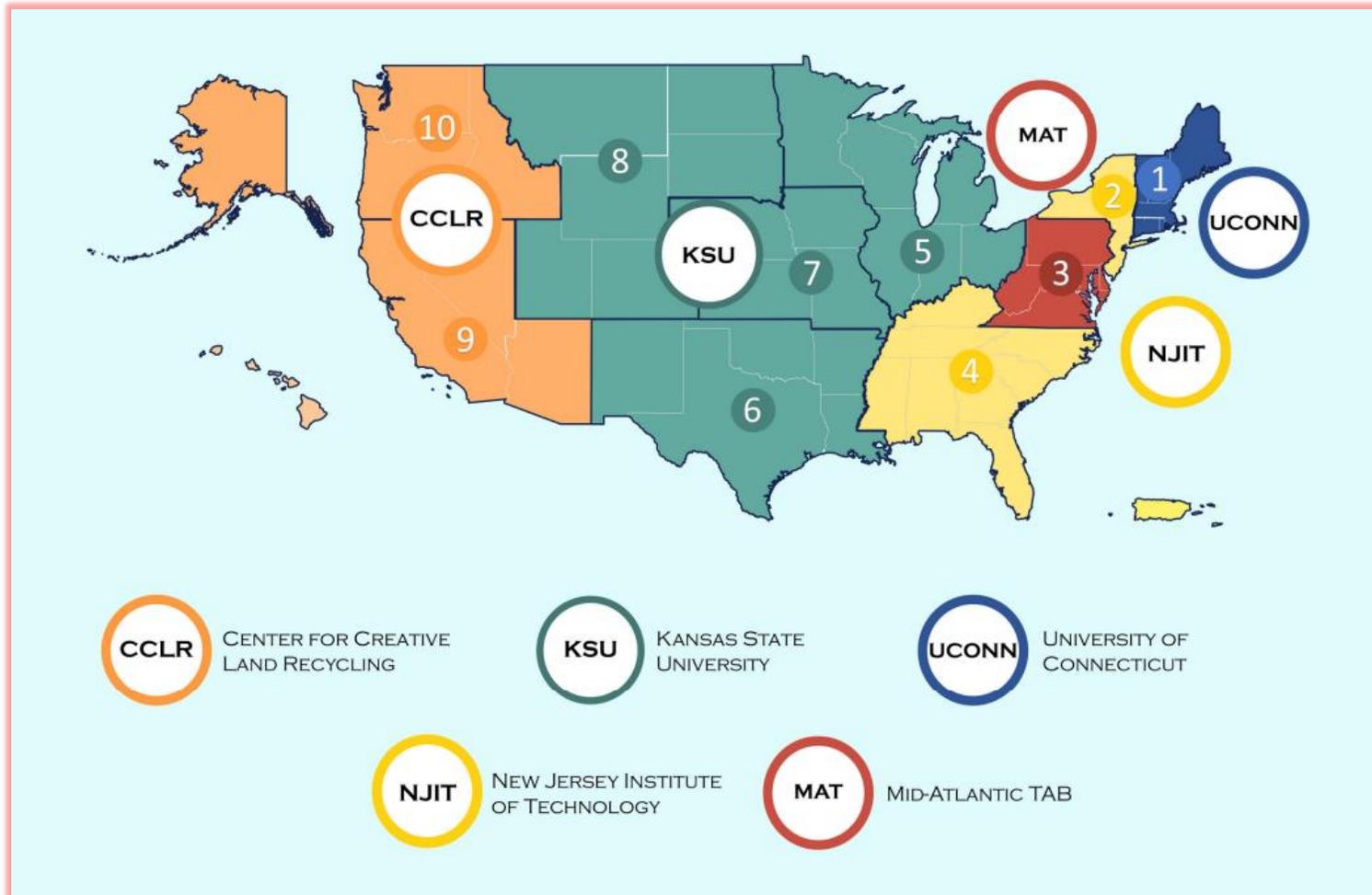
- ✓ State/tribal resource
- ✓ TA provided via grant to **128(a) recipients** who request TAG funding
- ✓ TA must assist **small communities, tribes, rural areas, or disadvantaged areas**

## **Contract**

4. Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)
5. Land revitalization TA for site reuse planning

- ✓ EPA-directed resource
- ✓ TA providers are **EPA contractors**
- ✓ Communities access TA providers via **regional office**
- ✓ TA available at **region's discretion** (consults with OBLR)

# Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Providers



Assist specific regions with TA and training to communities and other stakeholders on brownfield issues, such as:

- preparing grant applications;
- performing site inventories;
- reviewing historical information;
- design of investigation/sampling/field analysis; and
- cleanup and redevelopment planning.

Available: Oct 2023 – Sep 2028

# Topic-specific Technical Assistance

Available to communities nationwide via these EPA Grant Recipients:



**KANSAS STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

**Technical Assistance to Tribal Nations and Entities**

Available: 2024 – 2029



**Brownfields Anti-Displacement Research**

Available: 2023 – 2028



**Support Nonprofits Seeking to Reuse Brownfields**

Available: 2023 – 2028



**Land Banking Strategies to Support Brownfields**

Available: 2023 – 2028



**State Program Implementation**

Available: 2017 – 2029



**Support for Brownfields Revolving Loan Funds**

Available: 2024-2029



**National Brownfields Training Conference**

Available: 2023 – 2030



# Technical Assistance via Section 128(a) TA Grant

## CERCLA Section 128(a) TAG

Section 128(a) recipients may request funds on behalf of a small community, tribe, rural area, or disadvantaged area to carry out technical assistance activities outlined in CERCLA Section 104(k)(7).

Examples of activities include:

- compiling an inventory of brownfields,
- facilitating community involvement in a brownfields project,
- providing brownfields training,
- providing TA to a community new to brownfields, and
- performing community visioning or market analysis.



Available: annually

Amount: \$20K per benefited community per year

Program notes:

- ✓ Starting FY23, States/Tribes may request more than one Section 128(a) TAG per year to assist multiple communities
- ✓ EPA can spend up to \$1.5M of annual 104(k) appropriation on Section 128(a) TAG



# Targeted Brownfields Assessment

A targeted brownfields assessment (TBA) is conducted by an EPA contractor on behalf of an eligible entity. Services include site assessments, cleanup options and cost estimates, and community outreach.

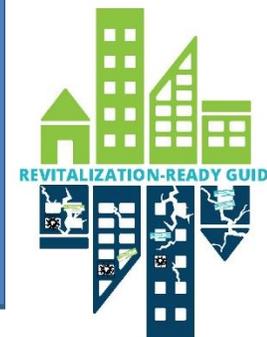
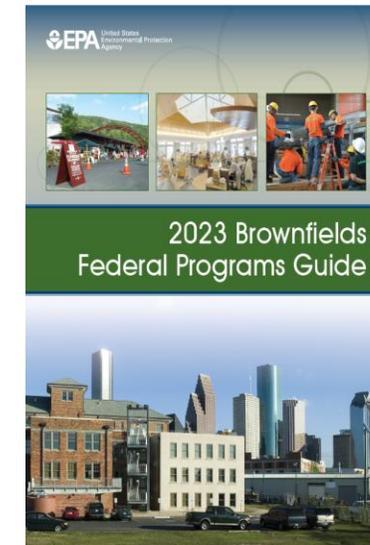
Available: rolling basis; contact [region](#)



# Land Revitalization

Tools and technical assistance that help communities sustainably reuse properties

- Develops [guides, tools, trainings and best practices](#).
- Provides technical assistance that helps communities cleanup and reuse contaminated land.



# Land Revitalization TA

## Site planning and research

Help communities identify practical, safe reuse options and approaches that support local goals through access to site planning, design and finance experts.



Figure 5: Community Upgrades and

## Learn more about brownfields

Understanding Brownfields <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/understanding-brownfields>

## Connect with brownfields technical assistance providers

Brownfields technical assistance <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/technical-assistance>

## Reach out to your regional EPA Contact

Regional Brownfields Coordinators <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-contacts-epa-regional-offices>

## Find out if there are EPA-funded brownfield sites in your community

Cleanups in My Community <https://www.epa.gov/cleanups/cleanups-my-community#map>

