

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



limited
time only!

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)

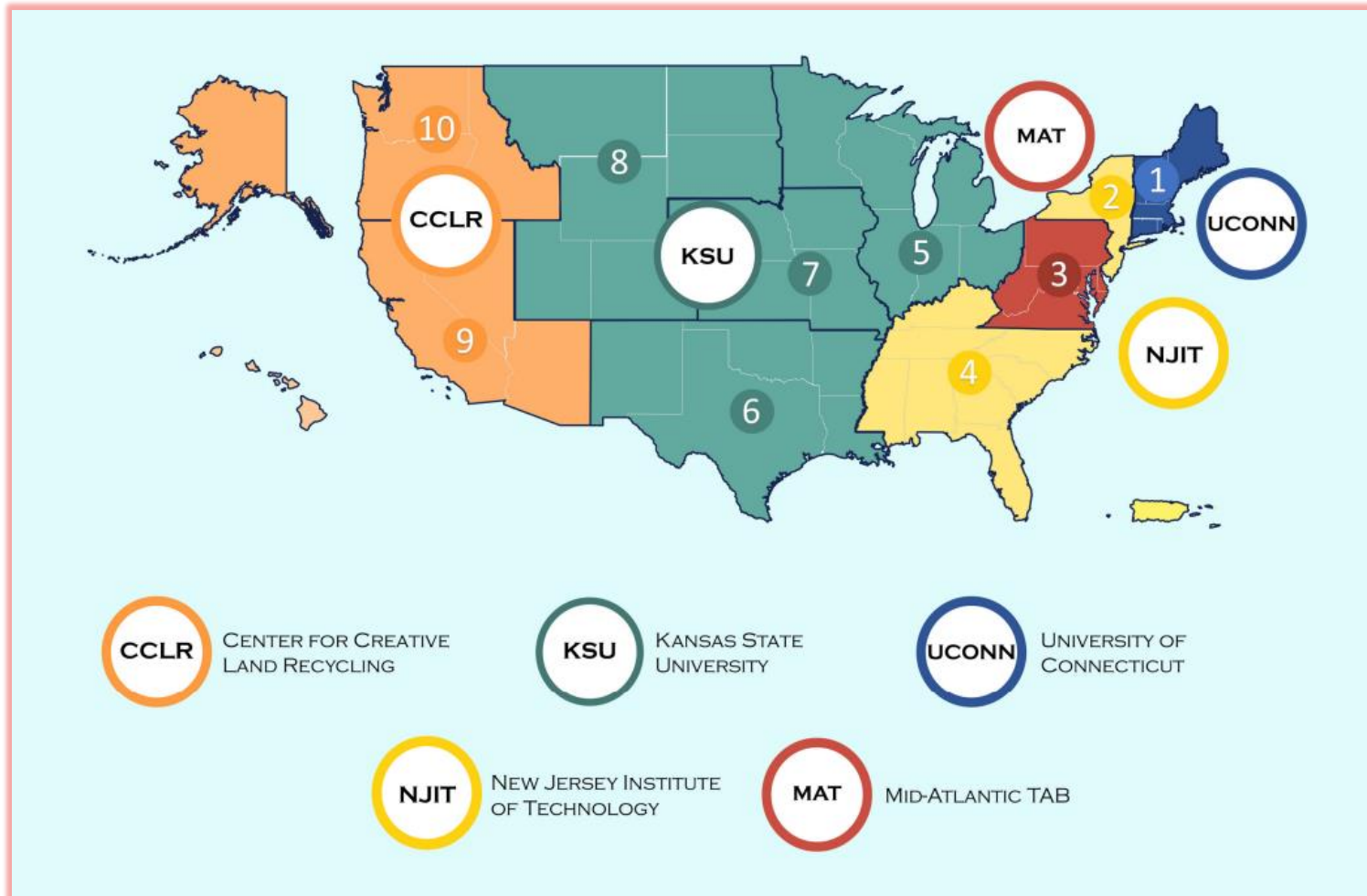
- ✓ State/tribal resource
- ✓ TA provided via grant to **128(a) recipients** who request TAG funding
- ✓ TA must assist **small communities, tribes, rural areas, or disadvantaged areas**

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



Support Nonprofits Seeking to Reuse Brownfields

Available: 2023 – 2028



Support for Brownfields Revolving Loan Funds

Available: 2024-2029



Land Banking Strategies to Support Brownfields

Available: 2023 – 2028



National Brownfields Training Conference

Available: 2023 – 2030



Brownfields Anti-Displacement Research

Available: 2023 – 2028



State Program Implementation

Available: 2017 – 2029



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.

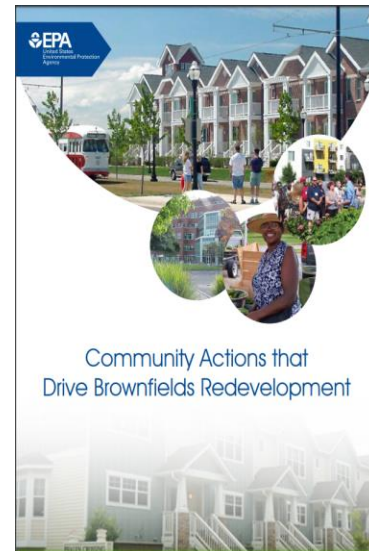
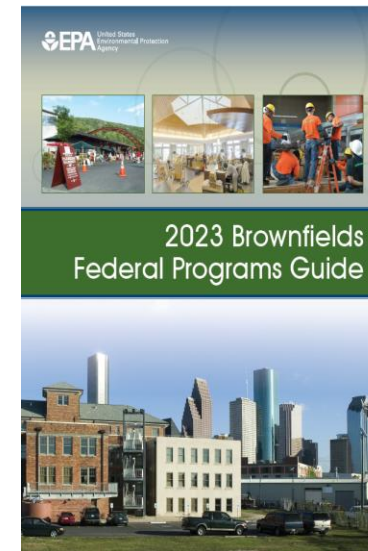
Available: rolling basis; contact [region](#)



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.



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>

