

EPA Region 8 Brownfields Grantee Meeting - May 11th and 12th, 2026

EPA Region 8 Office, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO

May 11th

11:15 – 11:45	Arrive, clear security (2 nd floor) and register – allow 30 minutes 1595 Wynkoop Street: 2 nd floor Conference Center – Bison/Bitterroot Room	
11:45 – 12:00	Meet & greet – name tags and socializing	
12:00 – 12:15	Agenda Overview and Logistics Melisa Devincenzi	
12:15 – 12:30	Welcome to EPA Region 8 Christy Woodward – Region 8 Chief of Staff	
12:30 – 1:30	Session 1: Grant Requirements and Using AI (Joaquin Ross Tellechea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic/Administrative T&Cs, FAQs, Policies • Using AI to answer common questions • AI prompt construction 	
1:30 – 2:30	Session 2a: Case Studies – Bison/Bitterroot Room (Panel Session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melissa Wanamaker (Headwaters RC&D) - Karly Lacock (Great Northern Development Corporation) - Anne-Marie Crampton (City of Lamar) 	Session 2b: Tribal Case Studies – Rocky Mountain Room (Panel Session) <p><u>Fort Belknap: Adrian Kulbeck</u> Lodge Pole School & Water Treatment Plant</p> <p><u>Fort Peck: Jacob Berger</u> Gateway Hotel</p> <p><u>Blackfeet: Shawn Lahr & Carl McLean</u> Free School</p>
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 4:15	Session 3a: Unique Sites “Redevelopment Rodeo” – Bison/Bitterroot Room <p>Redevelopment Rodeo Sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virginia City School 2. Wheatland Memorial Hospital 3. Rio Cucharas Inn 4. Brighton Canning Factory 5. Lathrop Youth Camp <p>Presentations and small group breakout sessions with local planners.</p>	Session 3b: Tribal Breakout Session Unique Sites Step-by-Step – Rocky Mountain Room <p>2:45pm – 3:30pm: Project Background:</p> <p><u>Turtle Mountain: Phil Lenoir</u> San Haven Sanitarium</p> <p><u>Rosebud: Alex Swalley</u> Hartmann Hall</p> <p>3:30pm – 4:15pm:</p>

	<p>Local Planners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Starnes – CIVISTRUCT Strategy+Development 2. Emily Blanton – ICF International 3. Andy Rutz – Crescendo Planning + Design 	<p>Group Discussion – Key Project Features:</p> <p>Working w/ Finance Office: strengthening relationships, increasing focus on unliquidated obligations (ULOs)</p> <p>Procurement: Use of Tribe’s procurement policy (reference CFR update)</p> <p>Contractor Oversight</p> <p>Community Engagement & Involvement</p> <p>THPO/SHPO consultation process</p>
4:15 – 4:55	Session 4: Job Training with Andrew Riddle (EPA HQ/Groundwork Denver)	
4:55 – 5:00	Q&A – Answer Questions from the Question Box What questions do you have for tomorrow?	
5:00	Happy Hour hosted by the Colorado Brownfields Coalition Wynkoop Brewing Company – 1634 18 th Street	

May 12th, 2026

Tundra Room available from 10AM-4:30PM for unprogrammed networking

8:00 – 8:20	Arrive, clear security (2 nd floor) – allow 20 minutes 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO: 2 nd floor Conference Center	
8:20 – 8:45	Recap of day 1 and overview of day 2: Andrew Riddle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice Breaker • Questions from yesterday? • What would you like to address today? 	
8:45 – 9:45	Session 5: HUD Requirements Elisabeth Altazan & Matthew Niegocki, US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD Remediation Requirements & Office of Native American Programs)	
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 10:45	Session 6: RLF Technical Assistance Provider – Sheldon Bartel, Grow America RLF TAB offers a lot more than guidance on Revolving Loan Fund Programs	
10:45 – 11:30	<p>Session 7a: Site Eligibility (Bison/Bitterroot Room)</p> <p>(Amelia Piggott)</p>	<p>Session 7b: Tribal Resources & Meet-Up (Rocky Mountain Room)</p> <p><u>KSU Tribal TAB Resources</u> Cuauhtemoc Landeros</p> <p>Tribal geographic area meet-up; share resources and best practices</p>

11:30 – 12:45	Lunch on own
12:45 – 1:00	Celebrating Success: EPA Social Media – Honor Morgan
1:00 – 1:30	Session 8: ACRES and Brownfields Success Stories – Jason Morris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uploading Redevelopment Data • Writing Success Stories
1:30 – 2:15	Session 9: Site inventory tools/prioritization/tracking/community benefits calculator – Kate Lucas/ (BIT webinar follows online post-meeting)
2:15 – 2:30	Group picture in the lobby
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:30	Session 10: Managing Cost Overruns – Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sara Strissel – Bear Paw Development Corporation - Dwayne Enderle – City of Monte Vista - Joann Jeplawy – EPA Region 8
3:30 – 4:15	Session 11: Facilitated Discussion - Planning for Change in the Brownfields Program
4:15-4:30	Questions and answers, evaluations, and completion
4:30 -	Post-conference networking, catch a plane or a nap