

# FY24 Brownfields Job Training Grants

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

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<u>Agency:</u> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<u>Bureau:</u> Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
<u>Application Deadline:</u> August 2, 2023	<u>Max Award:</u> \$500,000

## Description

Brownfields Job Training Grants support programs that recruit, train, and retain a local, skilled workforce by prioritizing unemployed and under-employed residents to obtain the skills and credentials needed for pathways into full-time employment in hazardous and solid waste management and across the larger environmental field.

## Eligible Recipients

- Local governments
- Land Clearance Authority or other quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision and control of local government
- Government entity created by State Legislature
- Regional Council
- Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a State
- State
- Indian Tribe
- Nonprofit organizations

## Eligible Projects

Brownfields Job Training Grants help to recruit and train unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to obtain full-time, sustainable employment in jobs across a spectrum of brownfield-related activities. This program promotes the remediation of brownfields while simultaneously building a local workforce with the skills needed to perform remediation work that is supportive of environmental protection and environmental health and safety.

In addition to brownfields assessment and cleanup training, as well as training on community involvement and site preparation for sustainability and equitable reuse and development, applicants may choose to deliver a variety of other brownfields-related environmental training activities, including:

- Training in “green remediation” technologies
- Training in stormwater management; green infrastructure installation, management, and maintenance; or low impact development (LID) training

- Emergency planning, preparedness, and response training for emergencies leading to contamination on brownfields sites
  - Enhanced environmental health and safety training related to site remediation
  - Training in energy efficiency, and alternative energy technologies
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### **Matching Grant Requirements**

Not required

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### **New or Existing Program**

Existing program

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### **Examples of Prior Award Recipients**

In 2023, EPA awarded the City of Springfield, MO a \$500,000 Brownfields Job Training grant. The City of Springfield plans to train 112 students and place at least 70 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 344 hours of instruction in 40-Hour HAZWOPER, OSHA 10, Trenching/Excavation, Confined Space, Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP), Lead Abatement Worker Certification Initial, Asbestos Worker/ Handler, Mold Abatement, Flagger, Bloodborne Pathogens, Forklift Driver, Silica, CDL, Hazardous Materials Endorsement, and First Aid/ CPR. Students who complete the training will earn up to three state and 11 federal certifications. The City of Springfield is targeting students within the city, specifically underemployed and unemployed community members, veterans, and people with justice system involvement.

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### **Tips for Being Competitive**

Applications for grants will be reviewed more favorably if the applicant targets high-need individuals in the target area who will benefit from the program. High-need individuals may include unemployed and severely underemployed individuals, dislocated workers, residents of communities disproportionately impacted by environmental or human health harms or risks, including low-income, minority, tribal and indigenous communities, formerly incarcerated persons, veterans, and individuals with little to no advanced education past high school level who are impacted by potential environmental justice concerns. Applicants proposing to serve populations facing significant barriers to employment should articulate a strong plan for how they will work with participants to address those barriers and support their success in both the training program and in achieving steady employment.

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### **Labor Requirements**

Through this grant opportunity, EPA aims to support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards and workforce programs, particularly registered apprenticeships, labor management partnerships, or other quality workforce training programs.

## Partners Required

All successful applicants have a variety of partners that are actively involved in the project and commit to supporting the project in specific ways. EPA expects these types of partners:

- Environmental: Organizations supporting environmental cleanup work.
- Job-Readiness: Organizations providing life skills and other job-readiness tools that are not eligible for funding under this RFA to students.
- Community: Local organizations providing outreach and community voice to the project.
- Employers: Organizations with market insight that inform curriculum and make commitments to hire graduates

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## Upcoming Events

- [June 14, 2023, 1:00 - 3:30pm ET](#): FY Brownfields Job Training Grants Webinar

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## Total Allocation

\$12 million

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## Anticipated Award Date

Q1 2024

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## Resources

- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)
- [Brownfields Job Training Grants Program Page - EPA](#)
- [Request for Applications - EPA](#)
- [FAQ - EPA](#)