WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD

Eyesore properties that might be a "brownfield" due to potential contamination from past uses. Brownfields are often concentrated in historically underserved communities.



Can an old brownfield become a place for fresh food and family health and well-being?

WHAT A BROWNFIELD CAN BECOME

Brownfields can be safely cleaned-up and reused. EPA supports equitable development and local wealth building through the identification, cleanup, and reuse of these properties. In addition to the assessment and cleanup grants of the Brownfields Program, there are various complimentary resources available

from the EPA and our state partners to help inform assessment, cleanup, and reuse decisions. These technical assistance and grant programs can help further the success of community-led redevelopment efforts.

BROWNFIELDS TO HEALTHFIELDS (B2H)

Brownfields to Healthfields (B2H) is a community created, multi-stakeholder collaborative and inclusive approach that transforms brownfields into areas that strengthen community health, equity, sustainability, and resilience for overburdened and underserved populations. It leverages government funding with philanthropic and private investment in impacted communities to flip contaminated properties into community assets. B2H revitalizes communities by increasing access to basic needs, removing blight, and reducing exposure to contaminants. B2H's community-centric approach provides multiple benefits for children, mothers, families, and communities.

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Brownfield Assistance Menu



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Competitive Grants of Funding

Grant Type	Eligible Recipients
Assessment Grants	City, Non- profit
- Inventory, characterization, assessment, community involve- ment, cleanup planning	Group, Region, State, Tribe
Cleanup and RLF Grants	City, Non- profit
- Community involvement, clean- up, capitalize funds, cleanup loans and subgrants	Group, Region, State, Tribe
Multipurpose Grants	City, Non- profit
- Flexible range of planning, as- sessment, cleanup activities within a target area	Group, Region, State, Tribe
Job Training	City, Non-
- Recruit, train, and place unem- ployed/under-employed residents into jobs within the environmen-	profit, Group, Region, State, Tribe
Environmental Justice Grants	Community based Or-
-Small Grants -Collaborative Problem Solving Grants	ganizations
Healthy Communities Grants	City, Public and Private
- Works directly with communi- ties to reduce environmental risks and build community capacity in target program areas	Nonprofit Group, Region, State, Schools

Notes: The above are typically announced on an annual basis.

Technical Assistance From EPA Contractors

Assistance Type	Eligible Recipients
Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)	City, Non- profit Group, Region, State
- Grant of services used to conduct assess- ment, cleanup planning, and community engagement on behalf of an eligible entity	
Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB)	Any brown- field commu- nity stake-
- Provides resources and free technical assistance to communities to help com- munities address brownfield sites (Region	holder entity
Land Revitalization and Regionally Directed Technical Assistance (LRTA & RDTA)	City and Community Groups with BFs
- Supports the safe and sustainable reuse of contaminated properties in site design, market analysis, visioning, community engagement, sustainable development,	Any past or current brownfield grantee
Office of Community Revitalization Technical Assistance (OCR TA)	City, Non- profit Group, Region, State
- Provides technical assistance opportuni- ties to integrate smart growth principles to ensure livable and healthy communi- ties, usually locally led, community-driven efforts	
Water Technical Assistance–NEW	City, Water
- Includes identifying infrastructure or water quality needs, planning for capital improvements, building capacity, or devel- oping applications for EPA-supported funding opportunities.	Utilities, State, State Revolving Fund Eligible NGOs
Notes:	

Most are available every year, but may be

on a rolling basis or as funding allows.

Capacity Building Tools

Capacity Building Tool or Event	Made For
Mapping	Anyone in the
- EJScreen, CEJST, EnviroAtlas: tools used to screen and under- stand environmental justice issues in communities and can assist with outreach, communi- ty awareness efforts, grant writ- ing, and other purposes	public
Community Driven Apps	Munici- palities
- Apps that focus on specific	and
communities and target audi-	Commu
ence to improve accessibility to	nity
resources	Groups
SoilSHOP	Garden
	ing and
- Promotes public health and	Health
raises awareness about lead risks	Groups
in soil using a participatory	Home
science approach	Garden
	ers

EPA Brownfields Region 1: https:// www.epa.gov/brownfields/r1 EPA Land Revitalization: https:// www.epa.gov/land-revitalization ATSDR Healthfield Tools: https:// www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields/ healthfields-tools-resources.html