

REGION 4 BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING GRANTS Interactive Grant-Writing Workshop



EPA has announced that about \$2.5 million in funding is available for Brownfields Job Training grants to facilitate states and communities, nationally, in having available trained and qualified environmental technicians to help in the clean up and revitalization of Brownfields.

- This year's grant deadline is October 19, 2007 -

EPA Region 4 will be hosting interactive online grant writing workshops on September 27

To register, please visit: <http://www.cluin.org/conf/tio/r4bfjtworkshop/>

What is EPA's Brown fields Program?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse Brownfields. Brownfields grants serve as the foundation of the Brownfields Program and support revitalization efforts by funding environmental assessment and cleanup. Thousands of properties have been assessed and cleaned up through the Brownfields Program, clearing the way for their reuse.

A critical part of EPA's efforts to encourage assessment and cleanup of Brownfields is participation by affected residents. EPA works to ensure that disadvantaged residents do not bear a disproportionate burden of the effects of environmental contamination. To help residents take advantage of jobs created by the assessment and cleanup of Brownfields, EPA initiated the Brownfields Job Training Grants. These grants provide funding for 2 years to train environmental technicians.

Who is Eligible to Apply for an EPA Brown fields Job Training Grant?

Eligible entities include: state, local, and tribal governments, general purpose units of local government, land clearance authority or other quasi-governmental entities; regional council or redevelopment agencies; or states or legislatures. Non-profit organizations are. Eligible nonprofit organizations include any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that is operated mainly for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purpose in the public interest. Public and nonprofit private educational institutions are eligible to apply as well as Workforce Investment Boards that meet these criteria may be eligible nonprofit organizations.

How Do I Apply for an EPA Brownfields Grant?

Applicants must submit a proposal for the grant type for which they are applying.. The submitted proposal must address the selection criteria outlined in the guidelines. Electronic copies of the Proposal Guidelines are available from the EPA Brownfields Web site at: www.grants.gov and <http://www.epa.gov/Brownfields/applicat.htm>

A **brownfield** is defined as: real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The 2002 Brownfields Law expanded the definition to include sites contaminated by petroleum and mine-scarred lands.

Each Job Training Grant is:

- Funded up to \$200,000 for two years.
- Located within or near a past or current Brownfields Assessment, Clean-up or RLF Grantee.
- Required to train participants as environmental technicians.
- Required to track graduates for at least one year.

Can EPA Help with My Grant Proposal? EPA Region 4 can respond to questions from applicants about threshold criteria, including site eligibility and ownership, but can not meet with applicants to discuss draft proposals or provide assistance in responding to ranking criteria. **EPA Region 4 will be conducting online interactive grant writing workshops September 27, 2007 at 1 PM EST. For more information and to register, please visit:** <http://www.cluin.org/conf/tio/r4bfgrantwriting/>

Can Other Organizations Help with My Grant Proposal?

Your state environmental protection office, regional planning districts, and the Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB) program can provide more specific support, including grant writing assistance, in developing your proposal.

In Addition to Job Training Grants, What Other Types of Grants Does EPA Provide?

- Assessment Grants
- Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants
- Cleanup Grants

Read more about these grant programs and requirements at < www.epa.gov/brownfields >



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Charleston, SC
“Field Work”**



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