

Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant Application Resources

The FY 2025 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines are now available (go to <u>Open Solicitations</u>). The application submission deadline is November 14, 2024.

Grants offered by the Brownfields Program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum. Please visit the <u>Types of Brownfields Grant Funding</u> for an overview of the Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants. <u>Tipos de financiación con subvenciones para terrenos baldíos de la EPA (pdf)</u> (57.56 KB)

Brownfields Program Policy Changes

FY 2025 Assessment Coalition Grants

- Assessment Coalitions must have at least one non-lead member that has bever been awarded a Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, or Cleanup (MARC) Grant.
- Entities that have an open Brownfields MARC Grant are eligible to be a non-lead coalition member, but must demonstrate that they have drawn down 70.00% of the funding for each MARC Grant.
- Applicants may still include eligible community-based nonprofit organizations as nonlead members, but this is no longer required for the Narrative response to be evaluated more favorably.

FY 2025 Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes

• The threshold criterion requirement for current CWAGST recipients to demonstrate that they have drawn down and disbursed at least 70.00% of the funding has been reduced to 60.00%

FY 2025 Cleanup Grants

 There is a new option under the threshold criteria for applicants to demonstrate eligibility for a site with hazardous building material (e.g., asbestos, lead-based paint) that has not been released into the outdoor environment. If the brownfield site has a hazardous substance contained in the building materials (e.g., insulation, flooring, caulk, etc.) and the hazardous substance has not been released (and there is no threat of release) into the outdoor environment (i.e., air, groundwater, land surface, etc.), then CERCLA § 107 liability may not apply. The site is eligible for funding, provided all other site eligibility requirements are met. Additional information will be made available in the FY25 Cleanup Grant guidelines and FY25 FAQs. Please reach out to your Regional Brownfields Contact for questions on site eligibility.

General Program Resources

Tips on How to Get Started Early on Preparing You Brownfields MARC Grant Application

List of Entities Eligible to Apply for Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup Grants

Programmatic Requirements

Guidance on Competitively Procuring a Contractor (pdf) (1.01 MB)

Brownfields, Public Health and Health Monitoring (pdf) (654.29 KB, October 2021, EPA-560-F-21-202)

EJScreen Demonstration for Brownfield Grant Applications

Information on Eligible Planning Activities

Renewable Energy or Energy-Efficient Approaches in Brownfields Redevelopment (pdf) (438.17 KB)

Socially Distant Engagement Ideas

Information on CERCLA Liability Defenses

Information on Sites Eligible for Brownfields Funding under CERCLA § 104(k)

EPA-Recommended Mapping Tools

Open Solicitations

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- FY 2025 Community-wide Assessment Grant Guidelines
- FY 2025 Assessment Coalition Grant Guidelines
- FY 2025 Community-wide Assessments Grant for States and Tribes Guidelines
- FY 2025 Revolving Loan Fund Grant Guidelines

- FY 2025 Cleanup Grant Guidelines
- FY 2025 Summary of Brownfields Grant Guideline Changes (pdf) (243.67 KB)
- FY 2025 Frequently Asked Questions about Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants
- FY 2025 Sample Federal Forms (pdf) (2.09 MB)
- FY 2025 Cleanup Grant Site Characterization Letter Sample Template (docx) (38.75 KB)
- <u>FY 2025 Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications and Existing Grant Recipients (pdf)</u> (177.36 KB)
- <u>Tips for Submitting an Application through Grants.gov</u>

Pre-Recorded Videos on Minimum Grant Requirements

EPA has pre-recorded videos to provide an overview of the FY 2025 grants submission process and Narrative Information Sheet and threshold requirements.

- FY 2025 Assessment Grant Minimum Requirements Recording
- FY 2025 Assessment Grant Minimum Requirements Presentation (pdf) (2.77 MB)
- FY 2025 Revolving Loan Fund Grant Minimum Requirements Recording
- FY 2025 RLF Grant Minimum Requirements Presentation (pdf) (2.61 MB)
- FY 2025 Cleanup Grant Minimum Requirements Recording
- FY 2025 Cleanup Grant Minimum Requirements Presentation (pdf) (3.01 MB)

Grant Guideline Outreach Webinars - Narrative Ranking Criteria

Potential applicants are invited to join EPA's upcoming webinars on the **FY 2025 Narrative/Ranking criteria.** For an overview of the grant submission process, Narrative Information Sheet and threshold requirements, see the Minimum Grant Requirements recordings above.

- **Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 12 PM ET** This webinar will focus on the FY 2025 Narrative/Ranking criteria for entities applying for:
 - Community-wide Assessment Grant funding
 - Assessment Coalition Grant funding
 - Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes funding

Please click the link to join the webinar at <u>https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1610639674</u> or join by telephone at 1-646-828-7666, Meeting ID: 161 063 9674

- **Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 12 PM ET** This webinar will focus on the FY 2025 Narrative/Ranking criteria for entities applying for:
 - Revolving Loan Fund Grant funding
 - Cleanup Grant funding

Please click the link to join the webinar at <u>https://usepa.zoomgov.com/i/1614022736</u> or join by telephone at 1-646-828-7666, Meeting ID: 161 402 2736

The webinar recordings and Q&A transcripts will be made available in the coming weeks. Please check back for updates.