



Brownfields in EPA Region 9

Targeted Brownfields Assessments

Brownfields and Land Revitalization in the Pacific Southwest

The Brownfields Program in Region 9 provides technical assistance and grants to communities in Arizona, California, Hawai'i, Nevada, the Pacific Islands and 148 tribal nations. Brownfields assistance and grants can be used to assess, safely clean-up and plan for the transformation of contaminated properties into community assets.

Subtitle A of the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act authorizes EPA to establish a program to perform [Targeted Brownfields Assessments](#) such as Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments at properties within Region 9 at no cost to local governments, quasi-governmental agencies and tribes. Information gathered from Targeted Brownfields Assessments gives local governments and prospective purchasers a better understanding of potential contamination issues at brownfields in their communities. EPA will characterize a brownfield to determine the nature and extent of the contamination. Results are provided to the community to assist them in redevelopment planning.

Learn More

- [Apply for a Targeted Brownfields Assessment in EPA Region 9](#)
- [EPA Region 9 Targeted Brownfields Assessment and Redevelopment Technical Assistance Brochure \(pdf\)](#) (812.21 KB, August 2022)
Fact sheet highlighting Technical Assistance and Targeted Brownfields Assessments in EPA's Pacific Southwest, Region 9.
- [Targeted Brownfields Assessment Factsheets for Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada](#)

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Pacific Southwest (Region 9) Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Application

Background

EPA provides contractor assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling, and identify potential environmental concerns. Eligible applicants can access up to \$100,000 worth of technical assistance for eligible properties. All questions in this application must be answered to receive consideration for assistance. Privately owned properties can be

assessed under this program as long as they are sponsored by an eligible applicant. EPA accepts applications on a rolling basis. Learn more by reviewing our [Targeted Brownfields Assessment Sample Factsheets for Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada](#).

IMPORTANT NOTES TO APPLICANT!!

[Free viewers and readers](#) are available to read and print documents posted on our website. If you experience a problem reading a document with assistive technology, please [contact us](#).

EPA cannot provide a method to save a partially completed form for later retrieval; the form on this page must be completed in one session. To assist with planning to complete this form in one sitting, *please utilize the "Pre-Application Checklist" document from step 2 below.*

1. **Review** the [TBA Applicant Considerations](#) (below).
2. **Prepare** to fill out the application form by completing the [Pre-Application Checklist and Information Gathering \(docx\)](#).
3. **Completely fill out the Application Form** (at bottom of this page) using your completed Pre-Application Checklist (step 2 above).
4. **IMPORTANT!** Complete the [TBA Consent for Access to Property Form \(Region 9\) \(pdf\)](#) (325.72 KB, March 2023) according to the instructions in the form and [submit by email](#).

TBA Applicant Considerations

Minimum Requirements

Eligible Applicants

- Unit of government
- Tribe
- 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Private party sponsored by an eligible applicant

Brownfields Site

- Property must meet definition of a Brownfields site: Real property whose reuse is complicated by real or perceived contamination

Property Access

- Must have permission to access property (including permission to collect samples onsite and in buildings if appropriate)
- Access conferred by property owner consent

Absence of Liability for Hazardous Substance

- Cannot be responsible for a release of contamination
- Conducted a due diligence review before purchase

Properties Not Eligible for funding

- Properties listed, or proposed for listing, under the Superfund National Priorities List.
- Facilities subject to U.S. EPA unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to, or entered into, by parties under CERCLA.
- Facilities that are subject to the jurisdiction, custody or control of the United States Government.
- Some ineligible properties may be eligible with a “property specific determination.” Contact EPA for more information.

Priorities for EPA Region 9 TBA Resources

- Historically underserved areas, such as communities with Environmental Justice concerns, Native American Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and rural communities. For example, see the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#), developed by the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality, which identifies census tracts that are overburdened and underserved
- Relatively small sites with near-term redevelopment potential
- Project distribution throughout the EPA Pacific Southwest Region 9 geographic areas of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, and Pacific Island territories
- Underserved communities that have not yet accessed EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization assistance

Project Information

- TBA deliverables developed are public documents, releasable under the Freedom of Information Act. EPA provides deliverables to the applicant and keeps them on file.
- Deliverables will take 3 to 9+ months to complete based on project complexity and overall workload.
- Applicant agrees to provide EPA with project information and photos when the site is redeveloped, including information on:
 - dollars leveraged
 - jobs created
 - environmental benefits, such as reduction in vehicle miles traveled, water quality improvement, etc.

For assistance or other TBA questions, please contact:

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