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FY27 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

Agency	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)		
Program Description	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR), announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to deliver Brownfields Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed, and underemployed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. Brownfields Job Training Grants fund training programs that strengthen local workforces by preparing program graduates for environmental jobs that support cleanup and revitalization efforts in their own communities. The activities to be funded support Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American of EPA’s “Powering the Great American Comeback” initiative. The statutory authority for this program is CERCLA § 104(k)(7), and EPA anticipates awarding cooperative agreements. Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-OLEM-OBLR-26-01. Assistance Listing Number: 66.815.		
Application Due	11:59 pm Eastern Time (ET) on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (Application Submission Deadline).		
Total Funding	\$6,000,000 (approx.)	Max Award: \$300,000 (project period up to three years)	Min Award: NA
Award Amount	Up to 20		
Local Match:	No. Voluntary committed cost share will not be accepted under this competition.		
Eligible Applicants	General purpose units of local government; land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities operating under a general purpose unit of local government; government entities created by a state legislature; regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government; redevelopment agencies chartered or sanctioned by a state; states; federally recognized Indian Tribes (other than in Alaska, except the Metlakatla Indian Community); intertribal consortia (except those comprised of ineligible Alaskan tribes); Alaska Native Regional Corporations, Alaska Native Village Corporations, and the Metlakatla Indian Community; nonprofit organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; limited liability corporations and limited partnerships whose members or partners are all 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; qualified community development entities; and other nonprofit organizations (including workforce investment boards, organized labor unions, and public and nonprofit private institutions of higher education such as community colleges). Individuals, for-profit organizations, and nonprofit organizations that are not tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) are ineligible.		
Eligible Activities/ Projects	Brownfields Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place unemployed and underemployed residents of solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities into environmental jobs. Grant funds may be used for brownfields assessment and cleanup training, community involvement, and site preparation for sustainable and equitable reuse and redevelopment. All training must relate to facilitating the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, or site preparation. The only required training is OSHA 29 CFR § 1910.120 40-hour HAZWOPER. Illustrative eligible trainings include: assessment, inventory, analysis, and remediation of contaminated sites (including environmental sampling, demolition, underground storage tank removal, groundwater extraction, and site remediation); sustainable deconstruction; cleanup of hazardous substances, petroleum, and pollutants; confined space entry; first-aid, CPR, and bloodborne pathogen safety; All Appropriate Inquiries and due diligence; radiation safety and cleanup of uranium mine tailings; HAZMAT commercial driver’s license (CDL), forklift, and machine operations associated with the transportation of hazardous waste; environmental mitigation, adaptation, or resiliency; vapor intrusion testing and mitigation; site surveying, mapping, blueprint reading, CADD, and GIS; green remediation technologies; stormwater management, green infrastructure, and low impact development; emergency planning and preparedness; and enhanced environmental health and safety related to site remediation.		
Review Criteria	Applications are rated using a point system based on a total of 200 possible points. Only eligible entities whose applications pass all threshold criteria in Section 2 are evaluated. The review criteria and maximum points are: Community Need (40); Training Program Description (25); Budget (15); Program Structure, Anticipated Outputs and Outcomes (50); Partnerships (40); Leveraging (5); and Programmatic Capability (25). Applicants should explicitly address these criteria in their Narrative Criteria Responses.		
Link:	https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/363223		
Application Submission	Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov (www.grants.gov). under Assistance Listing Number 66.815 and Funding Opportunity Number EPA-OLEM-OBLR-26-01. The application must be submitted by an authorized organizational representative registered with Grants.gov.		
BAC Partnership Opportunity	The Build America Center (BAC) is a technical assistance program funded by the USDOT, offering grant development services to localities at NO CHARGE. For more information, please visit our websites: https://bac.umd.edu/ and https://billaunchpad.com/		
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