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FY 2027 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grants (Community-wide Assessment Grants)

Agency	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)
Program Description	Funds eligible entities to prevent, inventory, assess, and plan for the cleanup and reuse of brownfield sites; suited to communities beginning to address brownfield challenges or with ongoing reuse efforts; authorized under CERCLA Section 104(k)(2); Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-OLEM-OBLR-26-02; Assistance Listing: 66.818
Application Due	January 21, 2027, 11:59 PM ET; anticipated notification of selection June 2027; anticipated award notification September 2027
Total Funding	$15,000,000, depending on Agency funding levels and other considerations Max Award: $500,000 in EPA funds Min Award: Not specified in NOFO
Award Amount	Up to 30 awards; up to $500,000 each (applicants may request less); 4-year project period; site-specific costs capped at $200,000 per site (EPA may approve a waiver up to $350,000 per site)
Local Match:	No
Eligible Applicants	• Local governments (counties, cities, towns); • land clearance authorities and quasi-governmental entities; • regional councils and state-chartered redevelopment agencies; states; • federally recognized Tribes and intertribal consortia; • 501(c)(3) nonprofits and qualified community development entities; • current Assessment or Multipurpose recipients must have disbursed at least 70% of each open agreement by October 1, 2026
Eligible Activities/ Projects	• Site inventories, prioritization, community involvement, cleanup and reuse planning, and site assessments (a portion must go to assessments); • grant management; • local governments may use up to 10% for health monitoring and institutional control enforcement; • site cleanup is not eligible, and administrative costs are capped at 5%
Review Criteria	**155 points:** • Project Area Description and Plans for Revitalization (40); • Community Need and Community Engagement (35); • Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates and Measuring Progress (45); • Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (35); • other selection factors include community population of 15,000 or less, persistent poverty counties, and applicants not previously awarded a Brownfields MARC Grant
Link:	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/marc-grant-application-resources https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/364198
Application Submission	Grants.gov; active SAM.gov registration with a matching UEI and a Grants.gov account; one Community-wide Assessment application per applicant, with no FY27 Coalition or States and Tribes application
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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