

EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants

Assessment Grants provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and conduct community involvement related to brownfield sites. The performance period for these grants is three years. Three types of assessment grants are offered:

- **Community-wide Assessment Grants** are appropriate when a specific site is not identified and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on more than one brownfield site in its community. An applicant may request up to \$500,000 (FY22 Policy Change).
- **Site-specific Assessment Grants** are appropriate when a specific site is identified and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on this one site only. An applicant may request up to \$200,000 or may seek a waiver and request up to \$350,000.
- **Assessment Coalition Grants** are appropriate when three or more eligible entities plan to perform Assessment Grant activities on at least five brownfield sites within their communities. (won't be issued for FY22).

Eligible uses of funding: Direct costs associated with the inventory, site prioritization, community involvement, site reuse planning, assessment, and cleanup planning. Direct costs associated with programmatic management, purchasing of environmental insurance, and up to 10% of the budget for health monitoring of populations exposed to hazardous substances from a brownfield site.

Checklist for Assessment Grants

- Federal materials in [grants.gov](https://www.epa.gov/grants).**
- Threshold Criteria**
- Applicant Eligibility:** Eligible entities include local governments or quasi-governmental entity, regional councils, redevelopment agencies, state and tribes, non-profits, and qualified community development entities.
- Community Involvement:** A summary of how you intend to inform and involve the community and other stakeholders in the planning, implementation, and other brownfield assessment activities described in your application.
- Expenditure of current EPA Brownfields Assessment funds:** The applicant must demonstrate that payment has been received from EPA for at least 70% of each Assessment cooperative agreement they have with EPA by October 1 of the previous year.
- Brownfields definition (for Site-Specific Assessment Grants only):** Site fits under the definition of a brownfield site under CERCLA§10(39) as described in the Information on [Sites Eligible for Brownfields under CERCLA § 104\(k\)](#).
- Eligibility criteria for CERCLA Liability (for Site-Specific Assessment Grants only):** Entities liable for contamination on the site are not eligible for Brownfields Grant funding.
- Enforcement or other actions (for Site-Specific Assessment Grants only):** Identify known ongoing or anticipated environmental enforcement or other actions related to the site for which Brownfields Grant funding is sought.
- Sites Requiring a Property-Specific Determination (for Site-Specific Assessment Grants only):** Please refer to Section 1.5 in the Information on [Sites Eligible for Brownfields under CERCLA § 104\(k\)](#).
- State letter:** Letter of Support from State or Tribal Environmental Authority.
- Narrative:** The proposal with responses to the ranking criteria (10-page limit, single-spaced)
- Narrative Information Sheet:** Summary of grant information (2-page limit, single-spaced)

RFP Release: Annually, Fall

Example Proposals: [KSU TAB Resources](#) (under Categories Successful Grant Proposals)

EPA Assessment Grants in R1 Success Stories: [Goodwin College, CT](#); [Sanford Mill Site, ME](#); [Hope Rubber Factory, MA](#); [Monadnock Mills, NH](#); [Olneyville/Narragansett Landing, RI](#); [Waterfront Apartments, VT](#)