

Preparing for EPA Cleanup Grants

Technical Assistance for Brownfields Program
EPA Region 1

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Learning Objectives – at the end of this webinar, you will know how to

Identify MARC options for FY25

Evaluate whether a site is eligible and ready for a Cleanup grant

Identify documents and community engagement plans needed for the application

Plan for additional training and find resources to prepare the proposal



MARC grant Options FY25



Which grant is right for my organization?

Assessment

Multiple sites with no Phase I or II assessment

Sites can be privately owned – access agreement will be needed to conduct the work

Can be in one or multiple Target Areas (including multiple towns for regional entities)

Cleanup

Single site fulfilling eligibility criteria

Phase II assessment done

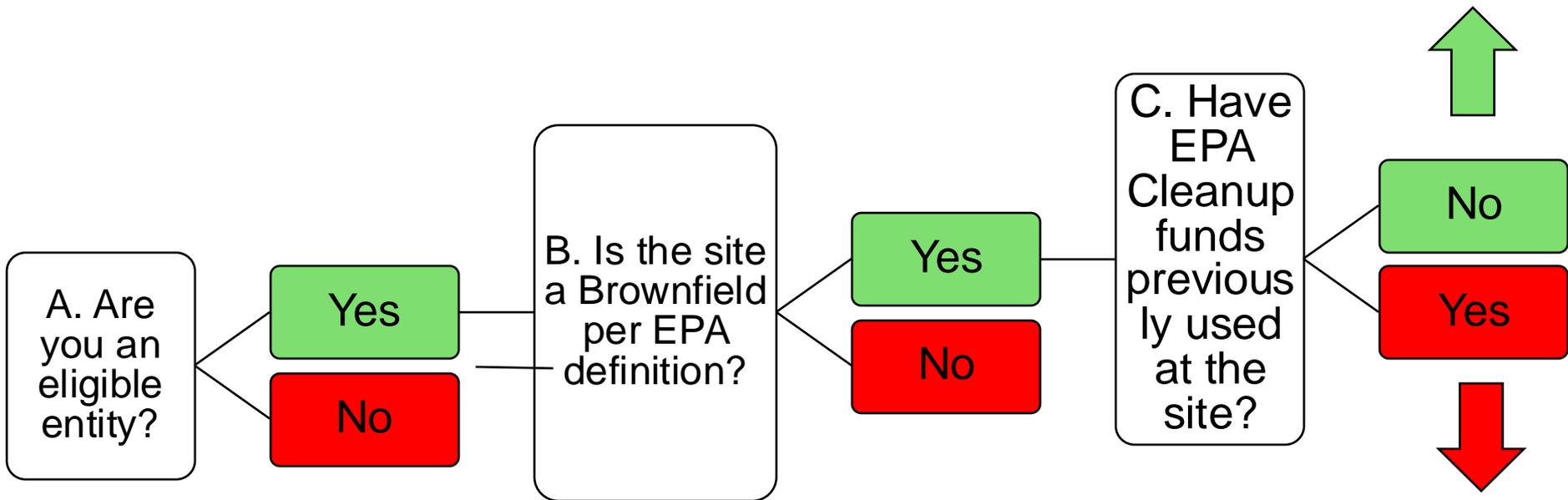
Assessment of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives by consultant

General idea of site reuse plan

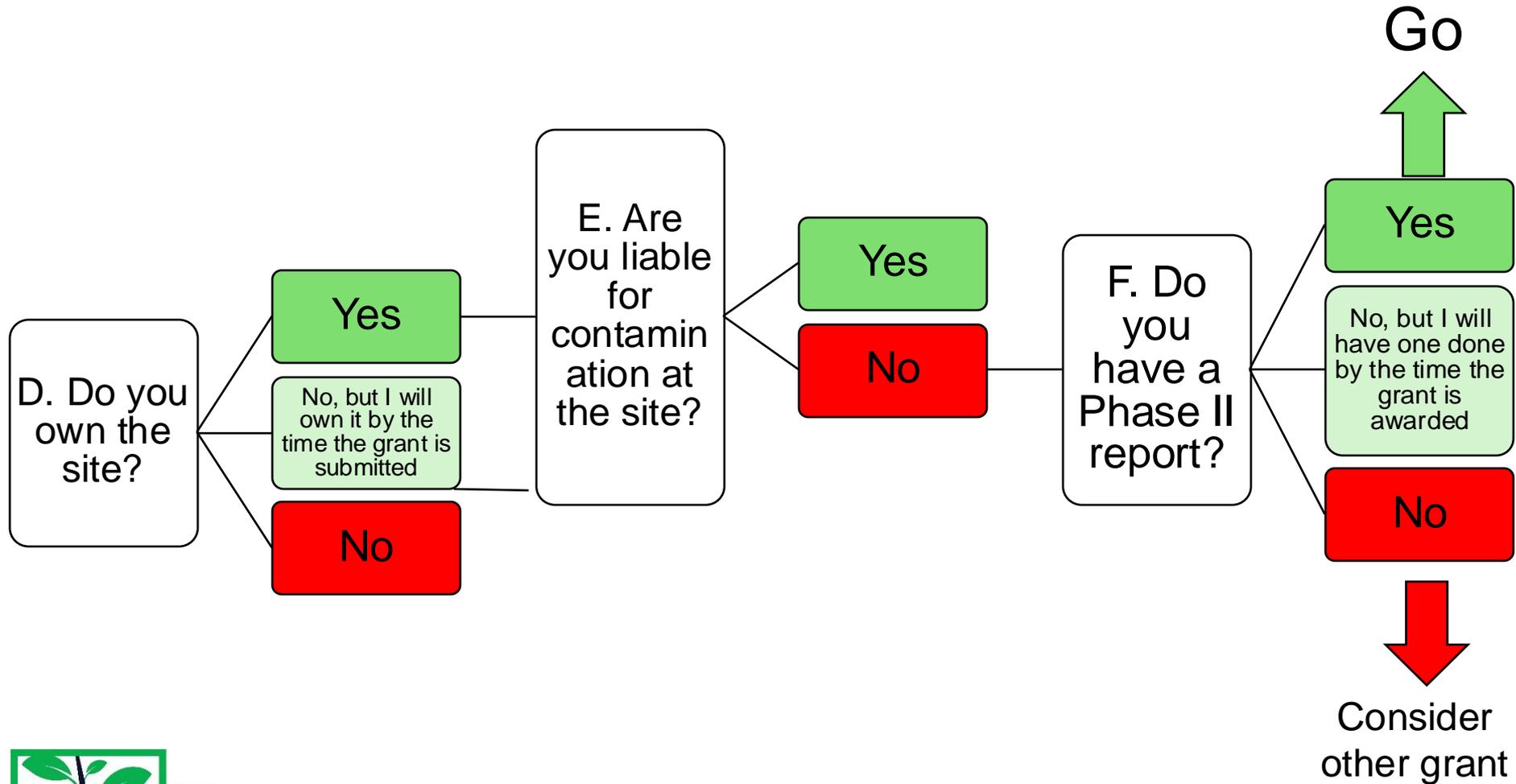


Are you (i.e., the applicant) eligible - 1

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Are you (i.e., the applicant) eligible? - 2



A. Are you an eligible entity?

- General Purpose Unit of Local Government: county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority (including any public and Indian housing agency), school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government.
- Land Clearance Authority or another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the supervision of Local Government.
- Government Entity Created by State Legislature.
- Regional Council established under governmental authority
Redevelopment Agency that is sanctioned by a state.
- State
- Federally recognized Indian Tribe
- Non-profit organizations (501©3 and other types)
- Qualified Community Development entity under 45D©(1)



B. Is the site a brownfield under EPA?

"real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which *may* be complicated by the presence or *potential* presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant"

Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act,

42 USC 9601 (39), enacted January 11, 2002



B. Facilities NOT eligible for EPA grants?

- Facilities listed (or proposed for listing) on the National Priorities List (NPL)
- Facilities subject to unilateral administrative orders, court orders, administrative orders on consent, or judicial consent decrees issued to or entered into by parties under CERCLA; and
- Facilities that are subject to the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the U.S. government



B. Properties requiring site-specific determinations from EPA

- with CERCLA removal actions
- with permits under RCRA, Water Pollution Control Act, TSCA or Safe Water Drinking Act
- subject to RCRA Corrective Action
- Land disposal units that submitted RCRA closure plan
- with PCBs subject to TSCA
- that received LUST cleanup funds



C. Have EPA Cleanup Grant money be spent on the site?

State, EPA RLF and Multipurpose grants do not count towards these requirements

A site can be one or multiple parcels that constitute a single development

For larger sites, consider whether you will need to secure more funding in the future to be spread amongst multiple parcels

Talk to us and Jim Byrne



D. Site Ownership

Applicant must be **SOLE** owner of the property ***at the time of the submission of the application***

Ownership is fee simple title as evidenced by a recorded deed

Some 100-year lease agreements may be accepted by the EPA through a special review process

If that is of interest, contact Jim Byrne at EPA Region 1 NOW





E. Are you liable under CERCLA?

EPA Brownfields Grants, CERCLA Liability, and All Appropriate Inquiries

- ✓ Anyone who ever owned or operated the site
- ✓ Anyone involved in transport or disposal of hazardous substances to and from the site

IS LIABLE for contamination present....



unless... (see next slide)

E. You qualify for CERCLA liability protection if you are...

Are

- Innocent landowner
- Contiguous property owner
- Bona fide prospective purchasers
- ***Government entities that acquire property through an involuntary transfer or acquisition, or through the exercise of eminent domain authority by purchase or condemnation***

AND

Conduct All Appropriate Inquiries AAI before acquiring the property

Not be affiliated with any person who is potentially liable through any familial relationship or any contractual, corporate or financial relationship

Comply with all continuing obligations after acquiring the property



E. All Appropriate Inquiries (AAI)

AAI is the process of evaluating a property's environmental conditions, which may be relevant to assessing potential liability for any contamination,

Which means



*Have an **environmental professional** conduct (OR update) a Phase I according to ASTM E1527-21 or E2247-16, 180 days before the acquisition*



F. Do you have a Phase II assessment report?

Letter from the state department of environmental protection/conservation that states

- a. Site is eligible and is or will be enrolled in voluntary remediation program (if not, explain why)
- b. There is sufficient level of characterization for remediation work to begin OR that that level will be reached by June 15, 2025



Community Notification Requirements

Draft ABCA

Community
Notification
Ad

Public
Meeting



Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)

Summarizes information about

- the site and contamination issues, cleanup standards, and applicable laws;
- the cleanup alternatives considered (for each alternative considered and the alternative chosen including information on the effectiveness, the ability of the applicant to implement, the resilience to address potential adverse impacts caused by extreme weather events, the cost, and an analysis of the reasonableness)
- the proposed cleanup.

Prepared by Environmental Professional

Must be attached to the proposal

Must be presented to the community



Community Notification Ad

The applicant must publish a community notification ad

- in the local newspaper
- or an equivalent means customarily used to communicate to the target community(ies) (e.g., notifying the target community via website, listserv, social media, radio or television)
- **no later than 14 calendar days before the application is submitted to EPA**

The community notification ad (or equivalent) must clearly state:

- that a copy of the grant application, including the draft ABCA(s), is available for public review and comment;
- how to comment on the draft application;
- where the draft application is located (e.g., town hall, library, website);
- the date, time, and location of the public meeting(s).

Consider limited English speaking and persons with disabilities



Public Meeting

Format

- In person or virtual
- Can be part of regularly scheduled public meeting
- Held before the application submittal
- Accessible to persons with disabilities and limited English speaking

Applicant must produce

- the comments or a summary of the public comments received;
- the applicant's response to those comments;
- meeting notes or a summary of the public meeting(s); and
- meeting sign-in sheet/participant list.



Upcoming Opportunities & Grant Support Resources



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- ✓ **JULY 10TH- PREPPING FOR A CLEANUP GRANT**
MARISA CHRYSOCHOOU, PH.D. - UCONN TAB PROGRAM DIRECTOR
- ✓ **JULY 19TH - BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT: BROWNFIELDS TO HEALTHFIELDS**
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SUMMER GRANT SUPPORT

BROWNFIELD GRANT SUPPORT

ARE YOU PLANNING TO APPLY FOR AN EPA OR STATE FUNDED BROWNFIELD GRANT THIS COMING FALL? UCONN TAB IS HERE TO HELP YOU GET STARTED AND PREPARE A STRONG APPLICATION. TO LEARN MORE SEND US AN EMAIL AT UCONN-TAB@UCONN.EDU

MORE INFO AT:
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Past webinars for MARC grant support:

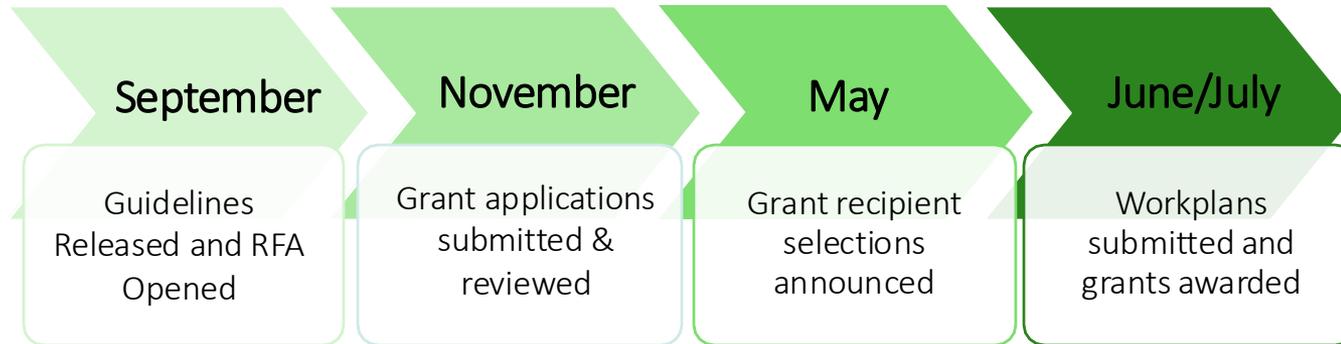
Prepping for MAC grants, Addressing displacement, Using Public health data, EJSCREEN, and more can be found at:

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Typical Timeline for Grant Cycle



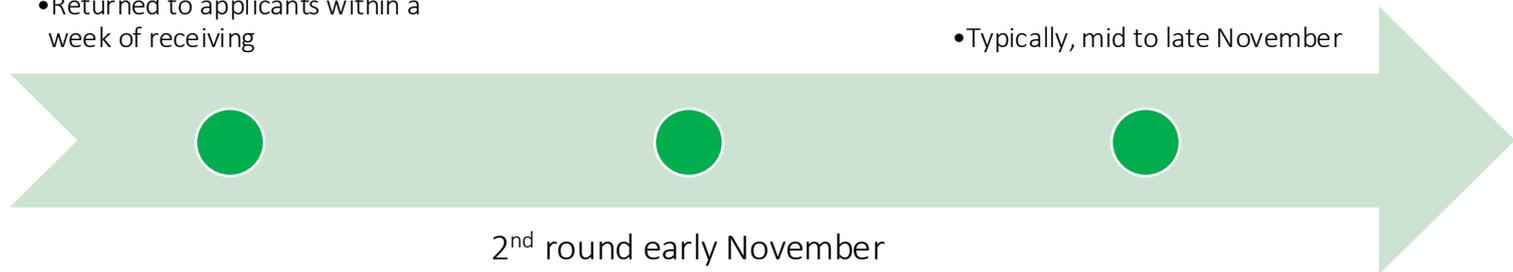
UConn TAB Provides free reviews and support on grant applications. Dates are subject to change based on deadline announced in September

1st round late October

- Returned to applicants within a week of receiving

Final Submission

- Typically, mid to late November



2nd round early November

- Returned to applicants within a week of receiving





MUNICIPAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM
(MAP)

FALL MAP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OPEN

APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 15, 2024

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Narrative
Section I

- Target Area Description
- Site Description (you provide the sites)

Narrative
Section II

- Demographic data
- Public Health data
- Stakeholders
- Community Engagement Plan

Cleanup and
Multipurpose

- Assistance with organization of public meeting

Additional
Resources

- Templates of grant application and supporting documents
- Review of full grant application



Impact of our Support

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BROWNFIELDS EPA REGION 1 ANNUAL IMPACT 2023

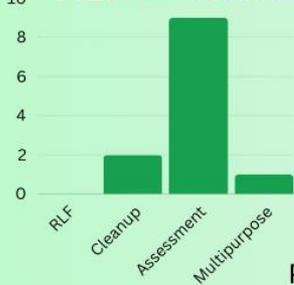


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Communities Received Direct Technical Assistance



33% of Communities Served were EJ

FY23 83% Success Rate

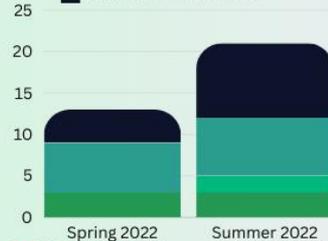
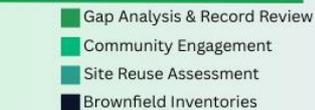


MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Program Recipients

12 Fall 2023
Participants



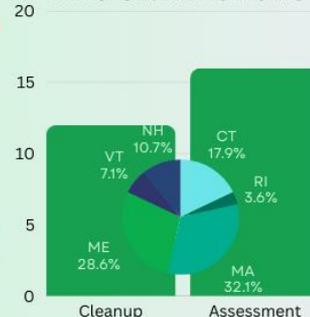
29 Spring & Summer 2023
Participants

Feedback showed that the provided EPA MARC Grant Resources were "Very Useful" and "Extremely Useful"

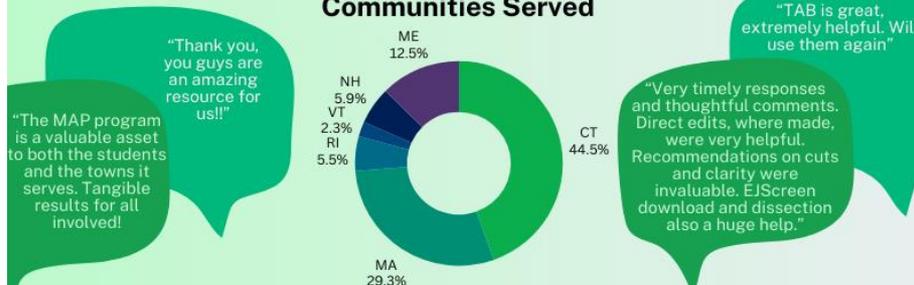


61% of Grant Reviews Supported EJ Communities

28 FY24
MAC Grant Reviews



Distribution of Communities Served



"The MAP program is a valuable asset to both the students and the towns it serves. Tangible results for all involved!"

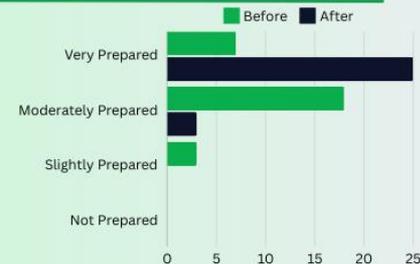
"Thank you, you guys are an amazing resource for us!!"

"Very timely responses and thoughtful comments. Direct edits, where made, were very helpful. Recommendations on cuts and clarity were invaluable. EJScreen download and dissection also a huge help."

"TAB is great, extremely helpful. Will use them again"

Feedback showed that those who received MARC Grant assistance felt "Extremely Knowledgeable" and "Very Prepared" with the grant writing & grant application process after receiving assistance.

Feedback is based on a form sent out to all MAP participants. 28 responses were received



32 EPA MAC Grants were awarded for FY24
UConn TAB Supported 30 grant reviews,
25 were successful (78%)

Questions?

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