

U.S. EPA BROWNFIELD FUNDING OVERVIEW

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Ohio Land Bank Conference
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What is a brownfield?

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- The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** defines a **brownfield** as "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".
- This is a CERCLA/Superfund definition, consequently Superfund Liability applies to Brownfields, However....

Superfund/CERCLA Liability

- ❑ **Land Banks** are governmental/quasi-governmental entities, therefore they have CERCLA liability protection as long as they **acquire property involuntarily** through:
 - ❑ bankruptcy,
 - ❑ tax delinquency,
 - ❑ abandonment,
 - ❑ or by exercising power of eminent domain

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So Why Conduct AAI?

- ❑ Acquisition of property from a land bank is **not involuntary**
- ❑ Land Bank's liability protection is not transferable
- ❑ AAI needs to be completed before property is transferred to another entity.

EPA Grants and TA

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- *Brownfield Grant Opportunities:*
 - Assessment grants
 - Cleanup grants
 - Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grants
 - Environmental Workforce Development Job Training (EWDJT)
 - Area-Wide Planning (AWP) grants

- *Brownfield Technical Assistance:*
 - Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)
 - Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)
 - State & Tribes with CERCLA 128(a) grants may also provide TBAs to communities when requested
 - Other Research, Training and Technical Assistance Grantees

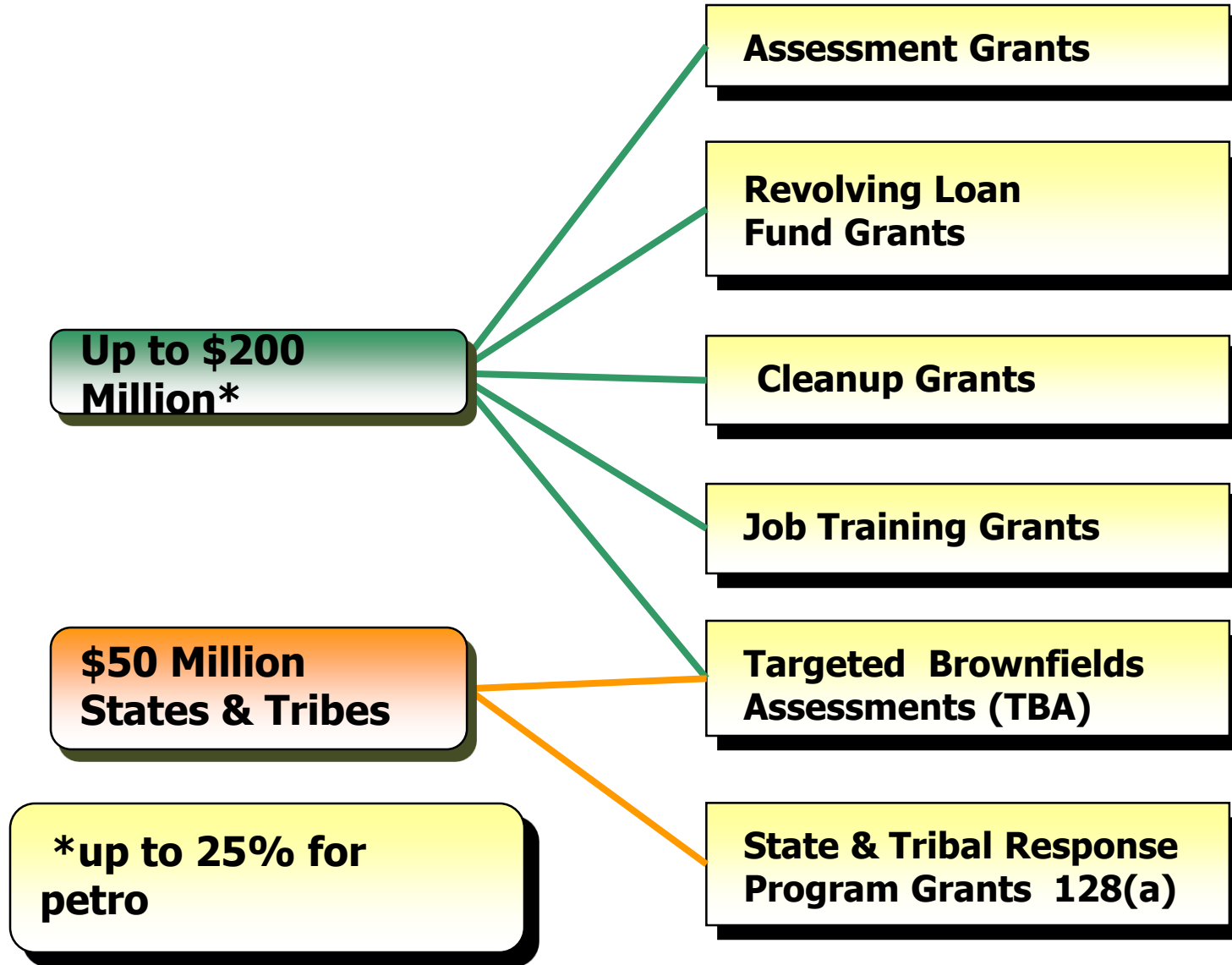
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Authorized Brownfields Funding



FY18 Funding Levels (Total \$50M)

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- Assessment grants
 - 145 grants for about \$33.5 M (FY17 \$42M)
- Cleanup grants
 - 38 grants for about \$7.5M (FY17 \$12M)
- RLF grants
 - 15 grants for about \$9M (FY17 \$0)
- EPA will award approx. 50% of total Assessment & RLF funds to 'new' applicants (those who never received an EPA BF grant, or applicants whose grants closed in 2009 or earlier)
- Will award up to 25% of funds for petroleum site work
 - *awarded as 'cooperative agreements', which includes significant EPA involvement with funded activities*

Assessment Grants

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- Provide funding to plan, inventory, prioritize and assess brownfields, conduct community involvement, and cleanup/redevelopment planning.

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - Governmental and Quasi-Governmental Agencies (Land Banks)
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies

- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 to assess properties contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants and/or \$200,000 for petroleum sites- max \$300,000 (100K & 200K either type)
 - For site-specific proposals, may seek waiver of \$200,000 limit and request up to \$350,000
 - Up to \$600,000 for assessment coalition Award

Assessment Grants

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- *Assessment Coalitions:*
 - Up to \$600,000 total for hazardous substance and/or petroleum
 - **3 or more** eligible entities (required)
 - Must assess a minimum of 5 sites
 - Coalition applicant and their coalition members are **not** eligible to apply for individual Community-wide or Site-specific Assessment grants when they apply as part of a coalition.

Cleanup Grants

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- Provide funding for remediation of brownfields.

- Who is eligible?
 - State, local, and tribal governments
 - Governmental and quasi-governmental agencies (Land Banks)
 - Regional Council or redevelopment agencies
 - Non-profit organizations

*Applicants must own the property at time of proposal submission and throughout the cleanup

- Funding:
 - Up to \$200,000 per site (total of 3 sites per year)
 - Requires a 20% cost share
 - **NEW** – One application for up to 3 sites (not 3 separate applications)

Types of Grants

	Assessment	Cleanup
Applicant Eligibility (see full list in Section III.A.)	Government, Quasi Government, Regional Council, Tribe	Government, Quasi Government, Regional Council, Tribe, Non-profit
Amount of funding available	<p>Community-wide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$200,000 for hazardous substances, OR Up to \$200,000 for petroleum, OR Up to \$300,000 for a combination of hazardous substances AND petroleum (not to exceed \$200,000 for either type) <p>Site-specific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$200,000 or up to \$350,000 with a waiver <p>Assessment Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up \$600,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$200,000 per site Up to 3 sites totaling \$600,000
Cost share requirement	n/a	20% cost share
Period of performance	3 years	3 years
Common eligible grant activities	inventory, characterize, assess, reuse planning, cleanup planning, and conduct community involvement	cleanup activities, reuse planning, and community involvement

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

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- Ohio EPA and USEPA both have TBA programs
- Phase Is and Phase IIs completed using EPA contractors
- Requested by communities, non-competitive
- USEPA funds are for entire Region V
- Ohio funds are just for Ohio so approach Ohio EPA 1st

Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)

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Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)

- Kansas State University has a TAB grant from EPA to provide the public assistance with –
 - preparing grant proposals and identifying sources of other funding, (TAB-EZ)
 - developing a brownfield program,
 - soliciting contractor or consultants,
 - review historical site information and identifying gaps,
 - assisting with the design of the investigation/sampling/field analysis,
 - community engagement, and
 - cleanup and redevelopment planning and visioning

Questions?

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