



**Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community
(PLC) –2/9/2022**

This week's discussion

- Updates from Washington
- FY22 Environmental Job Training recipient announcements
- Full Employment Council
- EPA Job Training listening session
- Virtual and in person workshops

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**Post Session Notes
Session 268, February 9th, 2022**

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1. Latest from Washington

EPA Announces \$3.8 Million in Grants to Train Environmental Workers for Jobs Created by Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding.

Congratulations to new grant recipients. EPA is selecting 19 communities for approximately \$3.8 million in Brownfields Job Training grants to recruit, train, and place unemployed and underemployed individuals with the skills needed to secure long-term employment in the environmental field. Each recipient will receive funds to develop and operate environmental job training programs that advance environmental justice by providing opportunities for residents living in areas impacted by contaminated lands. 5 awards were new grantees one of which (Coalfields) was last funded in 2015. Here is a list of the new FY22 EPA Job Training grant recipients

- Heartland Conservation Alliance
- Laborers' Local 17 Training & Educational Fund
- Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- Coalfield Development Corporation

Here is a list of FY22 Applications recommended for funding. A complete list of active EPA Job Training grant recipients appears in section 4 of these notes.

FY22 applicants recommended for funding include:

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| • Alaska Forum, Inc. | Anchorage, Alaska |
| • City of Pittsburg | Pittsburg, California |
| • City of Richmond | Richmond, California |
| • Los Angeles Conservation Corporation | Los Angeles, California |
| • Hunters Point Family | San Francisco, California |
| • Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation | Port St. Joe, Florida |
| • OAI, Inc. | Chicago, Illinois |
| • Workforce, Inc. dba Recycle Force | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| • Civics Works, Inc. | Baltimore, Maryland |
| • City of Springfield | Springfield, Missouri |
| • Heartland Conservation Alliance | Kansas City, Missouri |
| • St. Louis Community College | St. Louis, Missouri |
| • Pathstone Corporation | Rochester, New York |
| • City of Rochester | Rochester, New York |
| • Laborer's Local 17 Training and Educational Fund | Newburgh, New York |
| • Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes | Concho, Oklahoma |
| • Auberle | McKeesport, Pennsylvania |
| • Coalfield Development Corporation | Wayne, West Virginia |
| • Great Lakes Community Conservation Corp, Inc. | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |

Read the entire press release at:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-38-million-grants-train-environmental-workers-jobs-created-bipartisan>

EPA anticipates a dramatic increase in new EPA Job Training grants beginning in FY23. 50 additional JT grants are expected in FY2023

Application guidelines will be available in Spring/Summer 2022.

EPA Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call

February 22, 2022

2 p.m.- 4 p.m. Eastern

What's New in EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice facilitates [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls](#), to discuss and receive feedback on all aspects of EJ at EPA, their partners, and communities. The next call discusses the Environmental Justice Screening Tool.

- Update on EPA's Strategies to Incorporate Environmental Justice into Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Work
- EJScreen 2.0: What's New in EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool
- Update on EPA's Strategies to Incorporate Environmental Justice into Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Work
- Q&A about ongoing EJ initiatives

For more information and registration, go to:

[EJ Community Engagement Calls](#)

Brownfields 2021 -Now Brownfields 2022

Scheduled to August 16-19, 2022

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Registration and Housing

- Registration and housing for Brownfields 2022 will open in April
- If you already registered for Brownfields 2021, your registration will carry over to Brownfields 2022
- If you have questions about your previous registration and housing,

[Please reach out here.](#)

Exhibitors and Sponsors

Sponsorship packages and exhibit hall space at Brownfields 2022 is available now

[Click Here for Sponsorships](#)

[Click Here for Exhibit Hall Booths](#)

Travel scholarships are designed for community groups, non-profits, environmental justice groups, or other organizations that may be running on tight budgets and would greatly benefit from sending a representative to the National Brownfields Training Conference. Scholarships include complementary registration and housing. Travel scholarships do not include airfare, meals, incidentals, or other costs.

[Visit the conference website](#) (Still being updated)

<https://brownfields2021.org/>

2. HMTRI and partner events

HMTRI has scheduled two professional development events for JT grant recipients and organizations interested in establishing local environmental job training programs. HMTRI also continues its biweekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) zoom calls in addition to the scheduled virtual and in person workshops presented below.

2022 Mid-Year Virtual Networking Workshop

Tentatively scheduled for May 4th

12:00 to 4:00 PM Eastern

Tentatively scheduled for May 4th, 2022, HMTRI will be hosting a 2022 Mid-Year Virtual Networking Workshop for JT grant recipients and stakeholders interested in environmental job training. The structure of the event will include informal networking sessions guided by facilitators and time with EPA Regional Job Training Coordinators, and headquarters staff.

Depending on public health concerns, HMTRI has also earmarked October 12th and 13th as tentative dates for the 2022 In Person Annual All Grantee Meeting in Alexandria Va.

2022 In person Annual All Grantee Meeting

An in-person event October 11th – 14th

Full day sessions on October 12th and 13th

HMTRI's 24th Annual All-Grantee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 12th - 14th in Alexandria Va. Topics including grant administration, recruitment, retention, curriculum, placement, and partnership development will be discussed. The All-Grantee Meeting provides a platform to continue conversations on critical issues and best practices among successful JT programs. The workshop is facilitated by HMTRI, grant recipients, EPA staff and outside experts. As in the past, the meeting will include complementary registration and housing. Travel, meals, incidentals, and other costs are not included.

Join a conversation with EPA Brownfields Job Training grant recipients, alumni, and interested stakeholders.

Showcase your program – Biweekly, the PLC will hear from one of our grantees, discuss opportunities or exchange ideas related to environmental job training. HMTRI is inviting you to participate in the next cycle of Professional Learning Community ZOOMs. If you would like to present at an upcoming PLC contact Mike at:

[msenew@gmail.com/](mailto:msenew@gmail.com)

- **This cohort of PLCs are scheduled every other week on Wednesdays till June 15th**
- **Same time**
- **Same ZOOM link**
- **Next PLC – Wednesday February 23rd- 2:00 PM Eastern Time**

To Join PLC Zoom Meetings, go to:
<https://zoom.us/j/93598658578>

The GreatEST Institute

May 9-20, 2022

Bettendorf, Iowa

OSHA Health and Safety Instructor Training

The Community College Consortium for Health and Safety Training (CCCHST)

Instructors are prepared through a 10-day Train-the-Trainer Program called the GreatEST Institute (Great Environmental Safety Training Institute) to deliver required certifications for public and private responders and workers including:

- 40-hour Waste Site Worker Health and Safety
- 24-hour Industrial Emergency Response
- DOT Haz Mat Awareness
- Confined Space Non-Entry Rescue
- Hazard Awareness and Communication
- Disaster Site Worker Awareness

Instructors use CCCHST curriculum to train workers and responders in their local area and report to PETE the number of courses they provide, for which they are provided a small reimbursement. PETE reports these numbers to NIEHS. CCCHST members may charge for the courses offered in their local area. Instructors reporting numbers may return at least every two years for Instructor Refresher training offered at colleges across the nation.

CCCHST is sponsored by the Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE) headquartered in South Portland, Maine. PETE is one of twenty-two affiliated councils of the 1,150-member American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the only council whose core mission is environmental, health, safety and security training. PETE network of community, technical, U.S. territory and tribal college members for whom PETE provides faculty development programs, workshops, and institutes. This program is supported with grant funding from the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

20 scholarships covering travel, tuition, lodging and some meals are available from PETE.

Electronic Applications are available on the website homepage

www.national_pete.org

A complete on-line application package is due by due February 28, 2022

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3. FYI – A list of active EPA Job Training grant recipients

Training programs funded by the EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) through the Brownfields Job Training Program (JT) previously called the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program (EWDJT) provides community residents an opportunity to seek and obtain environmental jobs that contractors may otherwise fill from outside the affected community. To date EPA has funded over 350 grants totaling almost \$80 Million. Each grant typically runs three years with

funding up to \$200K per organization. Competition occurs on an annual basis with requests for applications issued each summer and awards made the following spring. The first two years of the grant involves program development and training with the third year focusing on training completion, graduate placement, program management and sustainability issues. As previously noted, 63 grants have been awarded since the inception of the program. 26 awards have been made in FY2020, 18 in FY2021 and recently 19 awards in FY2022. Below is a listing of currently active grants from FY2020 to FY2022 cohorts.

26 awards made in FY2020 - 15 have been refunded
 18 awards made in FY2021
19 awards have been recommended for funding in FY2022
 63 Active organizations providing EPA environmental job training

Organization	State	Year	Region
Colorado Department of Local Affairs	CO	2020	8
Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc.	FL	2020	4
Cypress Mandela Training Center, Inc.	CA	2020	9
Earth Conservancy	PA	2020	3
El Centro	KS	2020	7
Fortune Society, Inc., The	NY	2020	2
Full Employment Council, Inc.	MO	2020	7
Lorain County Board of Commissioners	OH	2020	5
New Bedford, City of	MA	2020	1
Southern University at Shreveport	LA	2020	6
Training to Work an Industry Niche	NC	2020	4
Zender Environmental Health and Research Group	AK	2020	10
East Point, City of	GA	2021	4
Energy Coordinating Agency	PA	2021	3
Groundwork Denver	CO	2021	8
Groundwork Rhode Island	RI	2021	1
Kern County Builders Exchange	CA	2021	9
Limitless Vistas, Inc.	LA	2021	6
Nye County	NV	2021	9
People United for Sustainable Housing Inc. (PUSH Buffalo)	NY	2021	2
Pittsburgh Conservation Corps dba Landforce	PA	2021	3
Santa Fe Community College	NM	2021	6
Southwest Economic Solutions Corporation	MI	2021	5
St. Nicks Alliance	NY	2021	2
The HOPE Program, Inc.	NY	2021	2
The Research Foundation of CUNY of the City College of New York	NY	2021	2
The WorkPlace, Inc.	CT	2021	1
Vermont Rural Water Association	VT	2021	1

West End Neighborhood House, Inc.	DE	2021	3
Worcester, City of	MA	2021	1
Alaska Forum, Inc.	AK	2022	10
Auberle	PA	2022	3
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes	OK	2022	6
Civic Works, Inc.	MD	2022	3
Coalfield Development Corporation	WV	2022	3
Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps, Inc.	WI	2022	5
Heartland Conservation Alliance	MO	2022	7
Hunters Point Family	CA	2022	9
Laborers' Local 17 Training & Educational Fund	NY	2022	2
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	CA	2022	9
OAI, Inc., Chicago	IL	2022	5
PathStone Corporation	PR	2022	2
Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation	FL	2022	4
Pittsburg, City of (Pennsylvania)	CA	2022	9
Richmond, City of (California)	CA	2022	9
Rochester, City of	NY	2022	2
Springfield, City of (Missouri)	MO	2022	7
St. Louis Community College	MO	2022	7
Workforce, Inc., dba Recycle Force	IN	2022	5

4. Full Employment Council Inc., Kansas City, Missouri

The Full Employment Council Inc. has received two EPA Job Training awards. First in 2018 and again in 2020. Thank you... Phyllis and Andrea for being with us today. Full Employment Council is an excellent example of an environmental job training program attached to a Workforce Investment Board (WIB). While EPA funds are used for remediation training, the WIB is able to provide the wrap around services necessary to support program participants. Additionally, the WIB brings expertise and experience in community assessment, labor market assessment, student retention, placement, and tracking. Full Employment Council begins their EPA JT cohort with a "boot camp" demonstrating the advantages of debt free training and what to expect as a participant in the JT program. Instruction in career readiness, financial literacy conflict resolution and direction to support services are provided before the first environmental, health and safety class begins. As part of the WIB, participants can be directed to childcare services, internships, work-based training or pre apprenticeship programs. Workforce Investment Boards are essential partners for every Job Training program as a partner, subgrantee or primary grant recipient. Here is a summary of the Full employment JT program.

Training objectives

Train 60 students and place at least 35 graduates in environmental jobs

Target Community

Full Employment Council Inc. is targeting unemployed and underemployed, impacted by brownfields in the City of Kansas City, Missouri. Including the following groups

- Economically disadvantaged adults and youth ages 18-24
- Dislocated workers
- Ex-offenders
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- SNAP food benefits recipients
- Low-income persons living below the poverty level
- veterans

Curriculum

The core training program includes 94 hours of instruction

- An environmental boot camp career clinic
- 40-hour HAZWOPER
- OSHA 2015 – Hazardous Materials
- OSHA 7205 – Health Hazard Awareness
- EPA Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting
- OSHA 10-hour introduction to health and safety for general industry and construction

Available to a limited number of students

- 160-hour truck driver Commercial Driver's License
- EHSM 7941- Shipping, handling & Storage of Hazardous Materials
- 8-hour shipping, handling, and storage of hazardous substances (DOT)
- One state certification
- Four federal certifications

Recruitment and student retention

Internships, work-based training, and a job shadowing component helps with recruitment and retention of students interested in environmental related careers. Full Employment Council emphasizes the types of jobs graduates will perform rather than focusing on curriculum. During COVID, bus transportation was free otherwise the use of Quick Trip bus passes provide transportation to and from class.

Key partners include

- City of Kansas City Brownfields Program
- Hispanic Economic Development Corporation
- Community Action Agency of Greater Kansas City
- Housing Authority of Kansas City
- Family Environmental Consulting
- Olsson, Burns McDonnell Engineering Company Inc.
- New Horizons Enterprises, LLC
- Mustardseed Cultural and Environmental Services, LLC

Andrea or Phyllis would be happy to discuss their program and experience working with Workforce Investment Boards. They may be contacted with questions at the following address.

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5. EPA's Job Training virtual conversation and listening session

November 6th, 2021, Congressed the President signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The infrastructure law provides \$550 billion in new spending over 5 years in addition to traditional budget allocations. Of those billions of dollars about \$30 million will find its way to the EPA Brownfields Job Training Program. Add to that is EPA's regular budget allocation (which has been about \$3.8 million per year) and take away about 3.5 % in administrative costs. EPA has almost \$49 million to spend on Job Training grants over the next 5 years (almost \$10 million per year if spent in equal amounts each year). In their press release EPA anticipates \$12M in funding to award 25-30 grants to job training entities, beginning in fiscal year 2023. Other press releases have indicated as many as 50 grants may be awarded. Application guidelines will be available in Spring/Summer 2022. While it appears that EPA has not yet determined how it will allocate job training resources, regardless of the math, EPA Job Training is going to expand dramatically. How it will expand to best serve underserved communities is the big question.

February 9th, 2022, EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization hosted a virtual conversation and listening session to receive feedback from current and potential grant applicants regarding the future of the Brownfields Job Training Grant Program. Presented was a brief overview of the provisions in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that would impact the EPA Brownfields Job Training program. Following suggested talking points, the conversation was opened for comments, questions, and suggestions about the best ways to maximize the benefits that BIL funding could bring to underserved communities and the Brownfields Job Training Grant Program. Here are some ideas, comments, questions, and ideas presented during the listening session. Some may not be possible given the granting authority restrictions the Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) has for the EPA Job Training program from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund.

- Increase grant funding
 - To provide additional training
 - To increase program staff (recruitment, placement, retention etc.)
 - To add wrap around and social services
 - To reimburse participant transportation costs
- Increase the number of awards
- Increase the duration of the grant
- Maintain frequency of annual competitions – This allows unsuccessful applicants to maintain their team and contacts for the next annual competition
- Incentivize employers to participate in the JT program
- Expand the curriculum (wastewater, air etc.)
- Expand allowable costs
- Provide student monetary support (stipends, earn for work etc.)

6. Professional development opportunities

Tools for Communities

This report provides a social science-based methodology for learning about key characteristics and constituencies of communities, cultures, and affected populations near contaminated sites. Learning about communities supports building relationships and trust, and conducting culturally-informed cleanups. This methodology can be used as a basis for generating knowledge for site characterization and assessment, risk communication, the development of a Community Involvement Plan, and outreach and engagement with local social actors and organizations. It is relevant for a variety of contaminated site situations such as Superfund, environmental emergencies, and brownfields. It compiles practices and lessons learned based upon primary research, including interviews and surveys with EPA cleanup practitioners, and synthesizes social scientific literature and EPA materials on this topic. GO to:

[How to Get to Know Communities and Cultures: Methods for Remediation, Removal, and Redevelopment Projects](#)

EPA Grants Award Process Webinars

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment periodically hosts webinars for the EPA grants community. If you are interested in applying for EPA grants or are currently managing an EPA grant, please consider attending one of these webinars. Subscribe to the EPA Grants Update Listserv to receive updates about these webinars.

[Grant training and resources](#)

Brownfields Online ACRES Training

The Next Level: March 8, 11am PT

US EPA offers trainings for Brownfields Cooperative Agreement Recipients to report their activities using ACRES. In Getting Started, learn how to use ACRES and submit property data. In The Next Level, explore more details about how to make ACRES work for your site.

[ACRES training](#)

7. FYI - Virtual workshops, webinars, and recordings

U.S. EPA Releases Draft Environmental Justice Action Plan for Land Protection and Cleanup Programs

U.S. EPA's office of Land and Emergency Management released a new Environmental Justice Action Plan on January 5 as part of a whole-of-government and EPA-wide effort to address the nation's environmental justice challenges.

The plan outlines objectives to strengthen compliance with cornerstone environmental statutes and civil rights laws, incorporate environmental justice considerations, improve community engagement, and provide benefits to underserved communities in land pollution prevention and cleanup programs.

For the brownfields community, these plans include promotion of the use of environmental justice analyses ([EJSCREEN](#)) for brownfield grant applicants and goals to reach out to more brownfields communities facing environmental justice issues.

[Read the Plan](#)

National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls



The purpose of these calls is to inform communities about EPA's environmental justice work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with environmental justice advocates. As environmental justice continues to be integrated into EPA programs and policies, the

Agency hopes that these calls will help reaffirm EPA's continued commitment to work with community groups and the public to strengthen local environmental and human health outcomes. Next Call:

February 22, 2022

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Eastern

What's New in EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool

- Update on EPA's Strategies to Incorporate Environmental Justice into Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Work
- EJScreen 2.0: What's New in EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool
- Update on EPA's Strategies to Incorporate Environmental Justice into Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Work
- Q&A about ongoing EJ initiatives

For more information and registration, go to:

[EJ Community Engagement Calls](#)

Building Institutional Knowledge for Community Revitalization

The brownfield land reuse journey can take years to complete, and in that time, stakeholders, staff, and government officials can rotate in and out of the process, resulting in poor continuity of environmental justice goals. In this workshop, Groundwork USA provides guidance for combatting the loss of institutional knowledge that can cause land reuse projects to stagnate.

[Watch the Recording](#)

8. In-person events

PFAS Forum II

May 2-4, 2022

Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel

Tampa, Florida

The PFAS Forum II is being organized to provide an understanding of the environmental issues related to PFAS, educate the environmental/remediation industry and regulatory community on the potential risks from PFAS, as well as discuss regulatory and legal issues, monitoring, treatment, cleanup, and disposal technologies. Go to:

<https://pfasforum.org>

Save the (New) Dates! 2022 National Brownfields Training Conference –

Oklahoma City, OK

August 16-19, 2022

The National Brownfields Training Conference is the largest event in the nation focused on environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment. Held every two years, the National Brownfields Conference attracts over 2,000 stakeholders in brownfields redevelopment and cleanup to

share knowledge about sustainable reuse and celebrate the EPA brownfields program's success. Whether you're a newcomer or a seasoned professional, Brownfields 2021 offers something for you! For more information, please visit <https://brownfields2021.org>

Coming Soon: GBA's 2022 Brownfield Seminar

Deadline Extended: 2022 GBA Brownfield Seminar Abstracts Are Now Due Jan. 31!

We are cautiously optimistic that the event will be held in person, but we will follow CDC guidance to ensure we're providing a quality event – in-person or virtual – while also prioritizing participants' health and safety.

Thank you to those who have submitted abstracts - we've received some fantastic proposals so far!

[For more information](#)

Call for Speakers, Sponsors and Exhibitors!



**The 27th Annual
Florida Remediation Conference (FRC 2022)
Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate
Orlando, Florida
November 16-18, 2022**

The Florida Remediation Conference (FRC) is one of the premier soil, air and water remediation conferences of the year. Though FRC started out as a Florida-centric event 26 years ago, it has developed a solid reputation for fostering the remediation and redevelopment industries across the Southeast.

FRC attracts over 600 attendees comprised of a mix of industry representatives, developers, consultants, and contractors, and over 100 exhibitors and sponsors from across the country. It is far from just being a Florida event.

<https://floridaremediationconference.org>

Call for Speakers!

Submission Deadline: July 15, 2022.

We have issued a call for oral and poster presentation abstracts for the 27th Florida Remediation Conference which will take place on November 16-18, 2022 at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate (Orlando), Florida.

If you have an interest in presenting an oral or poster presentation please click on the link below.

<https://floridaremediationconference.org/call-for-speakers>

9. Funding opportunities

State Farm Neighborhood Assist

Neighborhood Assist will award one hundred \$25,000 grants to fund neighborhood improvement projects. Anyone living in the U.S. (including individuals 18 years old or older, nonprofit organizations, schools, towns and cities, etc.) is eligible to apply.

Submissions open on **February 1 at 10am PT**. A maximum of 4,000 submissions will be accepted, so submit early (last year, the maximum number of submissions was reached in less than one hour)!

[Learn more and prepare to apply>>>](#)

Bank of America Grants

In 2022, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will issue two requests for proposals (RFPs):

Environmental Focus:

Agriculture/Farming, Career Choices, Cultural Awareness, Environmental Justice, Gardening/Composting, Place-based Education, Plants, Sustainability, Team-building/Problem-solving

Bank of America



1. Economic Mobility focused on needs of individuals and families

(workforce development & education and basic needs)

Applications accepted 1/24/2022 – 2/18/2022

2. Economic Mobility focused on needs of community

(affordable housing, small business, neighborhood revitalization)

Applications accepted: 5/30/2022 – 6/24/2022

For additional information, go to:

Complete Details

[Bank of America Opportunities](#)

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

The National Parks Service is offering up to \$750,000 to fund grant programs that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development of rural communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, state governments, county governments, federally-recognized tribal governments, and city or township governments. Properties must be located in an area defined as rural by the US census and listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Applications are due by **February 22, 2022**.

[Learn more and apply>>>](#)

Federal Funding Sources Available to Energy Communities

The Interagency Working Group on Coal & Power Plant Communities & Economic Revitalization has created a centralized list of federal funding sources for communities to fund infrastructure, environmental remediation, job creation, and community revitalization efforts. There are many grants currently available!

[Find funding sources for your community>>>](#)

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Technical Assistance Opportunity

Application Deadline:

March 1, 2022, by 11:59 PM ET.

- Do you have an idea for a park, trail, or conservation project?
- Could you use help building organizational capacity for your outdoor recreation and conservation efforts?

The National Park Service-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program is here to help with planning, design, and technical expertise! Learn more about the NPS-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program and the 2022 application process:

Eligibility: We welcome applications from community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal agencies.

How to Apply? Please visit [Apply for Community Assistance in Conservation and Outdoor Recreation](#) to download an application and view our submittal process and timeline. We encourage you to contact a program manager in your state to discuss your project before applying.

10. Contact EPA Regional Coordinators

Regional Coordinators are the first place to go regarding questions about JT grants, extensions, budgets, or work plans. Many Regions maintain a Listserv for past, current, and potential recipients. It is important to be on their contact list for conference calls and newsletters.

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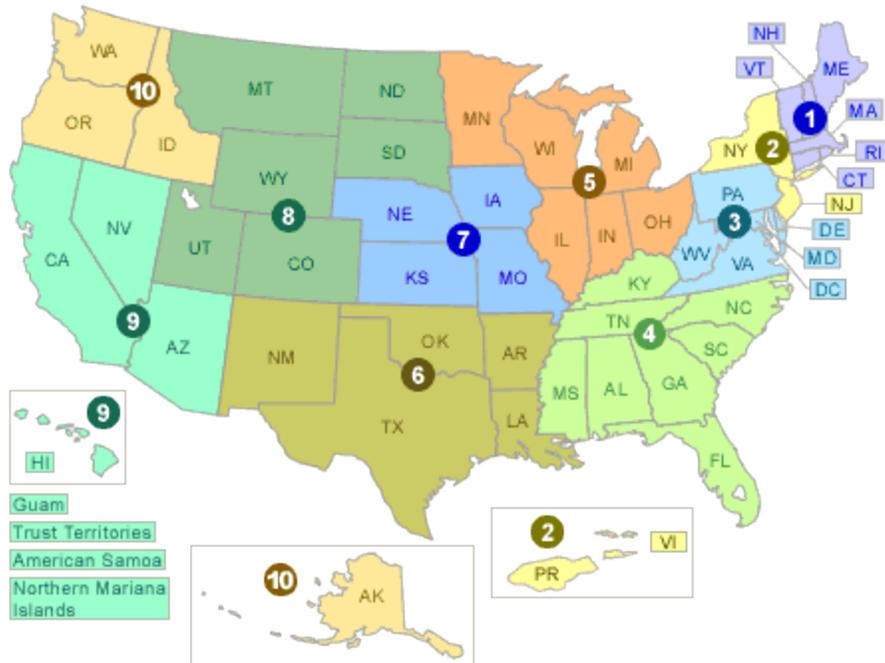
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11. Join us for the next Professional Learning Community ZOOM call February 23rd.

The objective of the (PLC) is to promote and share innovative strategies among those interested in establishing community based environmental job training programs. Our sessions allow participants to stay in touch with JT happenings, ask questions, showcase their programs, and help others. The Environmental Workforce PLC is open to all and there is no cost or obligation to attend. Join us when you can. If you would like to invite a guest, feel free to forward this email.

PLC notes presented represent individual opinions and ideas from Professional Learning Community participants and JT recipients. They do not represent EPA policy, guidance or opinions and should not be taken as such.

For more information on HMTRI technical assistance services or to be added to our Grantee and Community Outreach Listserv, please email to: hmtri@eicc.edu.



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