



Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community
(PLC) –2/23/2022

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Post Session Notes

Session 269, February 23rd, 2022

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1. Latest from Washington

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

EPA selected 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. To learn more about the announcement and which applicants were selected FY22 funding, visit <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases>

A special “shout out” goes to the five new job training organizations selected this year.

- Heartland Conservation Alliance – Missouri
- Laborers’ Local 17 Training & Educational Fund – New York
- Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation – Florida
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes – Oklahoma
- Coalfield Development Corporation – West Virginia

Read the entire press release at:

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

Brownfields provisions in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

February 9, 2022, EPA provided an overview of the Brownfields provisions in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). They then asked participants about the best ways to maximize the benefits of this historic \$30 million investment in the Brownfields Job Training Grant Program. EPA anticipates \$12M in BIL funding to award 25-30 grants to job training entities, beginning in fiscal year 2023. Application guidelines will be available in Spring/Summer 2022. EPA is still looking for ideas from stakeholders about the best ways to implement the Job Training Program given the recent increase in support.

For more information about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, go to:

[EPA's BIL Fact Sheet](#)

Comments and suggestions may be sent to OBLRComments@epa.gov

EPA Listening Sessions on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for MAC and RLF programs

EPA’s Brownfields Program invites interested stake holders to join a virtual listening session to discuss the Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant funding. EPA looks forward to hearing from participants about the best ways to implement \$1.5 Billion allocated to EPA Brownfield Grants and how to maximize the benefits of a historic investment in underserved communities. EPA is committed to awarding funding in line with the Biden Administration’s Justice40 Initiative by advancing environmental justice and incorporating equity considerations into all aspects of its work.

- **Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Program Listening Session**

March 10, 2022; 12:00-2:00 p.m. (ET)

- **Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program Listening Session**

March 11, 2022; 12:00-2:00 p.m. (ET)

[Click Here to Join](#)

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,

[Reach out here](#)

Exhibitors and Sponsors

Sponsorship packages and exhibit hall space at Brownfields 2022 are available now.

[Click Here for Sponsorships](#)

[Click Here for Exhibit Hall Booths](#)

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

<https://brownfields2021.org/>

February 18th, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) released a beta version of the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#), a major step toward addressing current and historic environmental injustices and fulfilling a key campaign promise from President Biden.

About the same time, The Environmental Protection Agency released an update to its EJSCREEN tool, which is widely used by Federal and state agencies for a broad array of screening, outreach, and analytical purposes. The latest version of the EJScreen 2.0 Tool can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

Each of these screening tools are discussed in more detail in section 6 of these post session notes.

2. From HMTRI

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 p.m. 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)

- **PLCs are scheduled every other week on Wednesdays**
- **Same time**
- **Same ZOOM link**

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| Wednesday | Apr 6 | 2:00 PM Eastern Time |
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| Wednesday | May 4 | 2:00 PM Eastern Time |
| Wednesday | May 18 | 2:00 PM Eastern Time |
| Wednesday | Jun 1 | 2:00 PM Eastern Time |
| Wednesday | Jun 15 | 2:00 PM Eastern Time |

To Join PLC Zoom Meetings, go to:

<https://zoom.us/j/93598658578>

Meeting ID: 935 9865 8578

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3. Partner events

Region 6 Job Training Panel

March 1st - 1:00 p.m. Central - 2:00 p.m. Eastern

Registration is open for a March 1st panel discussion on starting an EPA Environmental Job Training program. When you register, it will provide a zoom meeting link for the event. There is also a button which allows you to directly load the event to your calendar.

<https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrc-mrqDMjHt1UtrQ1EmyRlBmnMTUE0djW>

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 is a 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.nationalpete.org

or link to the page

<http://nationalpete.org/2022-great-environmental-safety-training-greatest-institute/>

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

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4. West End Neighborhood House, Inc., Wilmington, DE, Chantae Vinson

Thank you, Chantae, for being today's guest.

As the EPA Job training program matures, we notice that grant recipients fall into six basic categories. Each organizational structure has its own approach to developing partnerships, providing services not supported by the EPA grant and the manner in which they operate their program. Each type of program has associated advantages and every approach has been successful implementing the JT program.

- Standalone organizations
- Technology and remediation types of organizations
- Social enterprise organizations
- Social service organizations
- Workforce Investment Boards
- Colleges and universities

We will discuss each of these types of grant recipients in detail as part of future PLCs. Today we are fortunate to hear from West End Neighborhood House which would fall into the social service type of program. Social service organizations have a distinct advantage in that wrap around services not supported by the EPA job Training program are often located inhouse. Social service organizations still require strong partnerships and support from employers, governmental agencies, and community organizations but can provide a variety of services internally, as a supplement to their Environmental Job Training program.

Here is a mission statement from West End Neighborhood House.

“West End Neighborhood House provides programs, services, support, and advocacy when and where they are needed to ensure families become self-sufficient, and our communities thrive.” Their vision is that every Delaware resident will become self-sufficient. This involves offering training, employment, financial literacy, and housing programs to underserved residents. West End Neighborhood House is deeply embedded in the community supported by donors, government grants and volunteers. West End Neighborhood House has received three EPA Job Training awards. First in 2015 and again in 2018 and 2021. Today Chantae gave us a brief overview of the program before open discussion.

Training objective

West End Neighborhood House, Inc., plans to train 58 students and place at least 50 in environmental jobs during the grant period.

Target Community

West End Neighborhood House, Inc., is targeting the residents, particularly veterans, of the City of Wilmington.

Curriculum

The Environmental Job Training Program offers 123 hours of instruction with employment opportunities in careers that reduce environmental contamination and provide more sustainable futures for the

community, with an emphasis on reducing environmental contamination. As part of the 4-week training program, Delaware residents can earn up to 12 professional certifications in the following areas.

- OSHA 10 (General Construction Safety)
- OSHA 40 – HAZWOPER (Hazardous Materials Technician)
- OSHA Confined Space Entry (CSE)
- Aerial Lift and Mobile Scaffolding Basics
- Scissor Lift
- Mold Remediation/Water Intrusion Worker
- Lead RRP (Renovation, Repair, and Painting)
- Forklift Operator
- Asbestos Worker
- Lock Out/Tag Out
- Soil Sampling
- Blood Borne Pathogens

Key partners include

- BrightFields, Inc.
- Delaware Department of Labor
- Astec Environmental
- EDiS Company
- Clean Harbors

Retention and placement

- Transportation 30 days after graduation with bus passes provided by the local bus system (DART)
- 30-day internship at \$17/ hour with a potential employer
- Additional job placement assistance and tracking
- Job career fares midway through training
- Employer participation in hands on networking events during training
- Complete wrap around services as required

I believe we were all impressed with West End’s internship program and the relationships that have been developed with potential employers. During the discussion, it was pointed out how important it is to define expectations both to the employer and to the program participant before they are placed with an employer. Networking events and career fares midway through training provides an excellent opportunity for potential employers to become familiar with graduates and time in which to observe them before graduation. Student transportation is a major critical issue for retention and job placement. Bus passes for program participants addresses this issue and is available in many urban communities but often overlooked by JT program managers.

If you have a chance, check out the social media sites below.

Chantae will be happy to discuss the West End Neighborhood House JT program and the issues discussed today at the PLC.

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- <https://westendnh.org/about/>
 - <https://westendnh.org/programs/environmental-jobs-program/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/westendnh/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/West-End-Neighborhood-House-Environmental-Job-Training-Program-1061328750629510/>
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5. News you can use

New document from NIEHS Worker Training Program:

Initiatives to Prevent Opioids Misuse and Promote Recovery Friendly Workplace Programs

In response to the on-going opioid epidemic, the NIEHS Worker Training Program (WTP) has developed tools and resources to prevent opioid misuse and promote recovery friendly workplace programs. The document, Initiatives to Prevent Opioids Misuse and Promote Recovery Friendly Workplace Programs, highlights examples of initiatives developed by employers, unions, community-based organizations, and

government agencies for the prevention of opioid misuse and promotion of recovery friendly workplace. The document can be used to generate ideas on how to address various aspects of combatting and opioids in the workplace. Additionally, this tool can be used as a guideline to develop initiatives for your organization and build partnerships with featured leaders and organizations.

Go to this link to read Initiatives to Prevent Opioids Misuse and Promote Recovery Friendly Workplace Programs:

https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/opioid_files/WTP%20Opioids%20Initiative%2002152022_508.pdf

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](#)

Tools for Communities

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

This report provides a social science-based methodology for the following issues.

- Learning about key characteristics and constituencies of communities, cultures, and affected populations near contaminated sites.
- Learning about community support, building relationships and trust, and conducting culturally informed cleanups.

This methodology can be used as a basis for the following:

- Generating knowledge for site characterization and assessment
- Learning about risk communication
- Development of a Community Involvement Plan
- 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.

6. Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) vs EPA's EJScreen Tool

[Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\) Tool](#)

January 27 days after inauguration President Biden directed In [Executive Order 14008](#) on *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad* set in motion for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to create a Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. The tool is to be used to determine how certain Federal investments might be made toward a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits associated with climate change and clean energy flow to disadvantaged communities. Initially the recommendations focus on the following investments.

- Clean energy and energy efficiency
- Clean transit
- Affordable sustainable housing
- Training and workforce development
- Remediation and reduction of legacy pollution
- Development of critical clean water infrastructure

Recommendations reflect existing authorities' agencies have for achieving the 40-percent goal as well as recommendations on any legislation needed to achieve the 40-percent goal. Currently, appropriations are not attached to the Justice40 executive order. The full White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council report outlining Justice40 recommendations can be found at the following site.

[White House EJ Advisory Council Report](#)

February 18th, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) released a beta version of the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#) for public review and comment. The purpose of the tool is to help Federal agencies identify disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution for Justice40 programs. The current version of the tool provides socioeconomic, environmental, health and climate information to inform decisions that may affect these communities. The tool identifies disadvantaged communities through publicly available, nationally consistent datasets.

The CEJST Tool is in a public beta form and will be updated based on feedback and research during the next 60 days. Using census tract data, the web-based program identifies communities as being disadvantaged if they are above the 65th percentile for income and above the 90th percentile for any of 25 indicators ranging from local asthma rates to traffic and hazardous waste site proximity to unemployment. To put this in perspective, if a community is at the 95th percentile, only 5% of the population is in worse shape than the community being identified. Several issues have been made during the public comment period. The most contentious is that race is not being considered in determining justice indices. Proponents of the Tool suggest that CEJEST has been developed only to assist in the implementation of the Justice40 initiative and is complementary to other more established tools such as the EPA EJScreen Tool identifying underserved communities based on a variety of environmental indicators.

The beta version of the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool can be found at:

<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov>

EJScreen from EPA and the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) issued by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) complement each other. The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) defines, and maps disadvantaged communities for the purpose of

informing how Federal agencies guide the benefits of certain programs, including through the Justice40 Initiative, while the EJScreen Tool from EPA provides an application to screen for potential disproportionate environmental burdens and harms at the community level.

EJScreen Tool

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last week also released its update to its EJScreen Tool version 2.0, which is widely used by Federal and state agencies for a broad array of screening, outreach, and analytical purposes. In order to better meet the Agency’s responsibilities related to the protection of public health and the environment, EPA developed the environmental justice (EJ) mapping and screening tool called EJScreen in 2015. It is based on nationally consistent data and an approach that combines environmental and demographic indicators in maps and reports. EJScreen uses maps and reports to present three kinds of information: Environmental indicators, demographic indicators and EJ Indexes. An EJ Index summarizes how an environmental indicator and demographics come together in the same location. The GIS based mapping tool attempts to consolidate data from a variety of sources related to environmental conditions. It provides detailed information based on census tract data with resolutions as high as communities of 1,200 families. The EPA Job Training Request for Applications guidelines asked applicants applying for FY23 funding to use EJScreen as part of their community assessment. As practice, we suggested in the PLC that participants open the tool and take a test drive around their zip code as a way of becoming familiar with the tool. We expect EJScreen will be a part of the FY23 Request for Applications.

EJ Screen – EPA’s EJ screening and mapping tool can be found at the following site

<https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>
<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>

7. Virtual conferences, webinars, and recordings

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](#)

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:

March 15, 2022

2 p.m. Eastern

Topics to be announced

- Leadership Updates
- Additional Topics to Come
- Listening Session and Dialogue: Q&A about ongoing EJ initiatives

Click the link below to join the webinar on March 15th:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-natl-environmental-justice-community-engagement-call-march-15-2022-registration-276964808197>

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>



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

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 Champions Gate (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>

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. For more information, Go to:

<https://floridaremediationconference.org>

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 opened on February 1 at 10am PT. A maximum of 4,000 submissions will be accepted, so submit early.

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

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Technical Assistance Opportunity

- 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?

Application Deadline: March 1, 2022

The National Park Service-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program is here to help with planning, design, and technical expertise!

Join an Informational Webinar to 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.

Bank of America Grants

In 2022, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will issue 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

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](#)



FY 2022 Brownfields opportunities to reach out to EPA cleanup grants

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>>>](#)

Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants

EPA has announced the release of RFAs for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant funding. Evaluation criteria includes community engagement which involve partnering with

Brownfields Job Training programs in target communities. To learn more about Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants go to the following site.

[EPA RLF Requests for Applications](#)

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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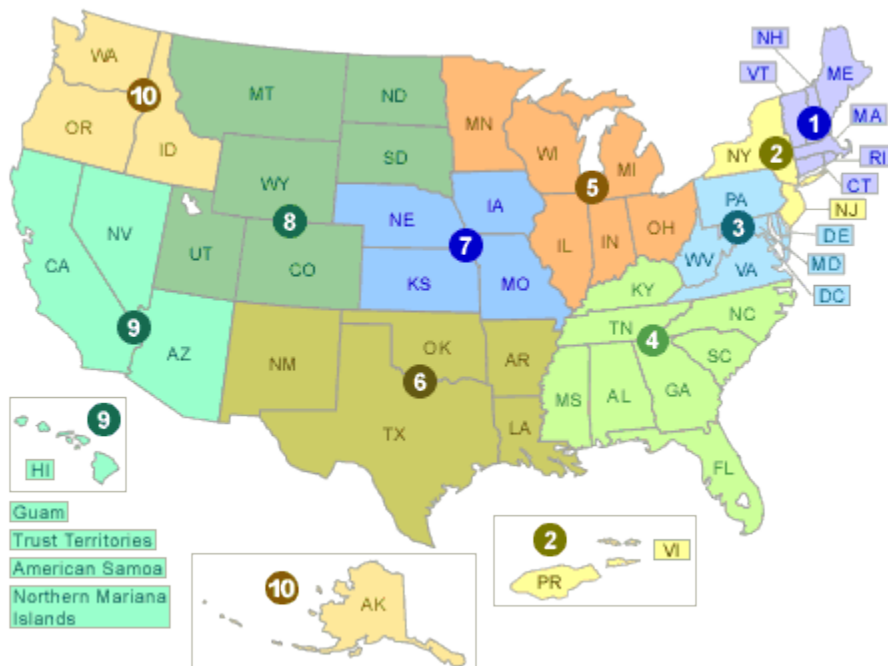
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11. Join us for the next Professional Learning Community ZOOM call March 9th

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:

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