



Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC) –4/20/2022

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1. Latest from Washington

Brownfields 2022 registration now open
August 16-19, 2022
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Cosponsored by the EPA and ICMA

At Brownfields 2022, you will learn about the unprecedented Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s \$1.5 billion investment in your communities through the EPA Brownfields Program, and directly interact with the nation's leading brownfield practitioners.

<https://brownfields2022.org/>

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Poster Gallery - Submit Your Poster Idea

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and International City/County Management Association (ICMA) are accepting abstracts for poster presentations at the 2022 National Brownfields Training Conference. The Poster Gallery offers a venue to visually depict innovative practices (brownfields assessment, cleanup, redevelopment), share brownfields success stories, and present research findings. Posters will be displayed in the [Exhibit Hall](#) for the duration of the conference, and will feature an award for the Best Overall Poster and a People’s Pick Award voted by conference attendees.

The deadline to submit a poster idea is May 16, 2022.

[Submit Your Poster Ideas Here](#)

EPA Releases Equity Action Plan to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights

The Environmental Protection Agency published its *Equity Action Plan* to fulfill President Biden's Executive Order (EO) 13985 directing EPA, along with other federal agencies, to assess whether underserved communities and their members face systemic barriers in accessing benefits and opportunities through the federal government. This *Equity Action Plan* is a critical part of EPA's efforts to break through those barriers and advance equity and justice across our efforts to ensure clean water, air, and land for all communities.

"This Equity Action Plan is a strong example of how EPA works with our federal partners to deliver on the commitments set forth by the Biden-Harris Administration," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "EPA is working to live up to its promise to protect human health and the environment made to all people in our country more than 50 years ago. We can only do this by acknowledging the adverse effects of policies and regulations that have historically kept too many communities out of the room and leading the way in breaking down the barriers that have stood for far too long."

The *Equity Action Plan* aligns with the Agency's [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022-2026 EPA Strategic Plan](#), announced March 28, 2022. EPA's final *Strategic Plan* includes, for the first time, an unprecedented strategic goal to advance environmental justice and civil rights.

The *Equity Action Plan* outlines six priority actions:

- Develop a comprehensive framework for considering cumulative impacts in relevant EPA decisions and operationalize that framework in EPA's programs and activities.
- Build the capacity of underserved communities to provide their experience to EPA and implement community-led projects.
- Develop EPA's internal capacity to engage underserved communities and implement clear and accountable processes to act based on communities' input.
- Strengthen EPA's external civil rights compliance program and ensure that civil rights compliance is an agency-wide responsibility.
- Integrate participatory (community) science into EPA's research and program implementation.
- Make EPA's procurement and contracting more equitable.

These priority actions form a critical foundation on which to build meaningful engagement with underserved communities; achieve more equitable and just outcomes, including pollution reductions in communities with environmental justice concerns; and deliver other tangible benefits to underserved communities.

Read the EPA [Equity Action Plan](#).

2. Events and happenings

2022 Mid-Year Virtual Networking Workshop

May 4th, 2022

12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern

On May 4, 2022, HMTRI will be hosting a Midyear Virtual Networking Workshop for JT grant recipients and stakeholders interested in environmental job training programs. The structure of the event will include informal brainstorming and networking sessions guided by a facilitator.

Three topic areas will be addressed including the following critical issues.

- Partner development and engagement
- Participant recruitment, assessment, and retention
- Curriculum

In addition, participants will have an opportunity to refresh relationships with EPA Headquarters and Regional Job Training Coordinators, current grant recipients, and others interested in starting environmental job training programs. Discussions will be impromptu without PowerPoints or prepared presentations. To register, please use the following link:

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Tentative Agenda

12:00 – 12:15: Welcome, Introductions & Meeting Goals and Objectives
12:15 – 12:30: David Lloyd, Director Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)
12:30 – 12:45: The Importance of Placement & the Grant Recipient Directory
12:45 – 12:50: Move to Regional Breakouts
12:50 – 1:20: Regional Breakout Networking Sessions – Regional JT Coordinators
12:45 – 12:50: Return to Main Room and Move to Breakout Sessions
12:50 – 1:20: General Topic # 1 – Partner Development and Engagement
1:20 – 1:30: BREAK
1:30 – 2:00: General Topic # 2 – Participant Recruitment, Assessment and Retention
2:30 – 3:00: General Topic # 3 – Curriculum
3:00 – 3:10: Return to Main Room
3:10 – 4:00: Freestyle Discussion & Breakout Results
4:10: Adjourn and After Hours: Video Tours & Discussion

HMTRI Grant Recipient Directory Scan

HMTRI is in the process of updating the Job Training (JT) Grant Recipient Directory. Results from this year's directory will be used to develop a variety of topic specific publications for distribution among national employers, program supporters, EPA, and the JT community. Using information from the Grantee Directory, topic specific reports will include the following.

- A grantee directory to facilitate networking and information exchange among JT programs and employers
- Graduation dates and the number of students available for employment
- Training and certifications offered by various programs
- A social media directory providing users with internet links established to communicate with stakeholders, employers, and prospective participants.

If you haven't completed a directory scan before or wish to review your response from last year, please refer to the Certified Employee Finder at this link:

<https://brownfields-toolbox.org/certified-employee-finder/>.

The link below will take you to the Grant Recipient Directory form to fill out. Please respond by (Friday, April 29, 2022).

<https://forms.gle/ZWarqnfBesBaJKa69>

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Fenton, HMTRI at: sfenton103@aol.com.

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 addressed in person. 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. Both events are open to JT grant recipients and organizations interested in establishing local environmental job training programs.

ECA Energy Center Tour

April 29th, 8:30 a.m. Eastern

ECA Knight Green Jobs Training Center. See the training center in action and learn about high-impact programs in weatherization, community energy and emergency services.

To RSVP for these events, or to schedule a customized tour, contact

Chris Petersen, cpetersen@ecasys.org

To learn more about ECA. Go to:

<https://www.ecasavesenergy.org/who-we-are>

Welcome back Coalfields

September 1st the PLC will welcome Marilyn Wrenn from Coalfields, a 2015 a social enterprise JT grantee back to the EPA Job Training program. Coalfields operates as a social enterprise combined with job training. We thought we would pass on one of their fundraising strategies providing jobs and work opportunities to local residence while training.

“Thank you all so much for your support! Visit our website to view all of our products and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. If you're reading this e-mail that means you're part of the family and will be the first to know about any updates and new products as soon as they're released. “





“Good afternoon, everyone, we hope you're all doing well today. We wanted you all to be the first to know that we've just released two exclusive Earth Day t-shirts on our webstore! Celebrate Earth Day every day with these crazy-soft sustainable tees that are each made from an equivalent of up to 6 recycled plastic water bottles.”

[Shop Now](#)



Heirloom Earth Tee

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Earth Day 2022 Tee

[View](#)

Join the conversation

Share your events and announcement with the PLC community. Send your materials to: msenew@gmail.com or respond to these post session notes.

3. Questions and concerns

Question 1:

We just received an FY22 Environmental JT grant. Can we apply in FY23?

Response 1:

Not official yet...But we think you may be able to ask for supplemental funding. Perhaps David Lloyd will clarify the new guidelines at our May 4th Virtual Networking Workshop. There are indications that grants will be extended to 5 years and funded up to \$500,000.

Question 2

Is it too late to send in a video for the May 4th Workshop?

Response 2:

Absolutely not. Send your video or YouTube links to Sfenton103@aol.com

4. PathStone Corporation - Mileidy Soto

Mileidy Soto - Thank you for today's presentation.

PathStone Corporation has had 4 EPA Job Training grants since 2015 focusing on career and environmental job development in Puerto Rico. Environmental job training is one of 16 programs offered across the island including 2 YouthBuild, a reentry, a solar and construction, a health and safety and emergency response program. Pathstone maintains 10 offices enabling the EPA program to target unemployed and underemployed residents throughout nine rural municipalities including Camuy, Hatillo, Quebradillas, Arecibo, Barceloneta and Manati. For their FY22 grant, PathStone has plans to train 60 students and place at least 41 in environmental jobs. A goal they have completed or exceeded throughout their JT history.

As part of their FY22 grant, Pathstone training includes 214 hours of instruction in the following topics

40-hour HAZWOPER

Pesticide Safety Worker Protection Standard

AED and CPR Training

Forklift Driver

OSHA 10 Safety

Disaster Site Response

Asbestos Remediation

Lead Abatement

Mold Remediation

CDL Class A with HazMat and TWIC

Students who complete the training will earn up to eight state certifications and two federal certifications

After completing the core curriculum (at the top of the list), students choose electives (listed in italics)

Key partners

Pathstone prioritizes partnership development and has established MOUs with over 350 organizations. Key partnerships demonstrate a heavy emphasis on leveraged partners, trainers and potential employers. Below are a few of their key partnership organizations.

Corporacion del Proyecto ENLACE del Cano Martin PeCa
Center for Creative Land Recycling/CCLR
VACU-TOUR
Mercado Familiar
SHRM PR Chapter
Citizen Services Fair
Comite de Patronos
Junta Local Desarrollo
Toledo Engineering LLC
BLDM LLC
WRN Construction Inc.
Industrial Central Services
Senadora Distrito de Arecibo
Oficina del Alcalde
Ciudad Autonoma Toa Alta
Junta Local de Desarrollo Laboral
Departamento de Desarrollo Economico y Comercio
Municipality of Catano
The Area Local Desarrollo Laboral Manati Dorado/American Job Center
University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies
New Robles Driving School

Student recruitment and assessment

Pathstone recruits heavily with a variety of marketing materials including television public service announcements, flyers, Zoom calls, and relationships with “One Stop” employment offices. Recruitment and assessment funnels thru several stages with face-to-face interviews leading to final placement. Drug testing is not a prerequisite to enter the program. During the COVID pandemic class sizes have been reduced (10-15 participants) to allow for social distancing during training.

Participant retention placement and tracking

Pathstone graduates are tracked from 12 to 18 months maintaining contact with employers and graduates to ensure employer partners are satisfied with new hires. PathStone offers the following wraparound services to program participants and potential employers.

- Training Opportunities – occupational skills training, on-the-job training for specific occupations, and customized training developed according to specific employer requirements.
- Credentialing & Certifications – professional counseling and financial assistance to enable our participants to acquire credentials, licenses, and certifications recognized by employers, both locally and abroad.
- Employment Placement and Retention Services – PathStone assists participants with job placement and provides employee support and follow-up to ensure job retention.
- Emergency Services – food and temporary shelter services to agricultural, migrant or seasonal workers who live in poverty and are not eligible to receive other types of aid.
- Employer Services - develop and maintain collaboration agreements with a wide network of employers, who assist with referrals from qualified candidates, previously evaluated, and ready to begin work. These services are free of cost.
- On-the-Job Training Program – offer employers the opportunity to train skilled candidates who can meet the particular needs of their companies. PathStone reimburses up to 50% of the payroll, for a pre-determined time.
- Work Experience Program – In collaboration with non-profit employers, PathStone provides the necessary training to create good work habits. Participants receive stipend for hours completed.
- Occupational Skills Training – PathStone provides training to participants, helping them acquire the necessary skills and techniques to perform in a specific job or work group. Training is tailored to the employer needs.
- Job Readiness Services – PathStone identifies the skills, interests, abilities, and attitudes of each participant, in order to guarantee success in the search and retention of employment.
- Additional Services – PathStone works individually with each employer to identify necessary services for the recruitment process of a participant. Among the additional services offered are: purchase of uniforms and / or tools, medical certifications, and drug tests, among others.

Mileidy would be happy to answer questions or discuss training strategies about the Pathstone program. She can be reached at the following address.

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5. Preparation for the May 4th Midyear Virtual Networking Workshop

On May 4, 2022, EPA Job Training Grantees and participants interested in environmental job training will have a chance to gather and have informal discussions on three critical issues most relevant to the early stages of program operation. Three topic areas will be addressed including the following.

- Partner development and engagement
- Participant recruitment, assessment, and retention
- Curriculum

Breaking into small groups will allow for open discussion and networking. Each breakout will have a recorder who will summarize and present ideas as part of a plenary session. There will be no presentations, PowerPoints, or prepared materials. Hopefully, we will end the day with some good ideas we can bring back to our programs. Equally important, participants will be able to have informal discussions with EPA Regional Coordinators on expectations and opportunities between grantees and EPA program managers.

Additionally, we will have an opportunity to network with David Lloyd, Director Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR). During today's PLC, we took a few minutes to create a wish list of resources EPA Job Training grantees would like to see with anticipated (BIL) funding increases. Here is a summary of the suggestions and comments.

- Increased grant funding (current funding levels do not even support a single full-time position dedicated to EPA Job Training).
- An increase in the number of grants awarded annually.
- The ability for existing grantees to apply for supplemental funding (under current policy, FY22 grantees would be shut out of additional EPA support in FY23).
- Increase in the grant duration allowing for sufficient resources to fund at least one full time position during the grant period.
- Maintain the annual competition allowing unsuccessful grantees to keep their teams, partnerships, and stakeholders together for the next competition.

It is understood that some requests made at today's PLC may not be possible due to funding restrictions associated with (CERCLA) and (BIL). However, these issues remain as a significant impediment to offering comprehensive JT programs. They include the following.

- Funding for life skills training
- Funding for wrap around services
- Ability to provide stipends
- Expansion of EPA related training currently unsupported

Other questions that PLC participants raised today included the following

- What is the schedule for issuance of FY23 Guidelines?
 - Will the guidelines and evaluation methodology change dramatically from FY22? We would like to begin assessments and partnership development before guidelines are issued.
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6. Brownfields related resources and virtual meetings

**Justice40/Environmental Justice Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. EDT

Event registration:

<https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsdeipqzkuG-i1wbXnUiPAeflJ1IM6Nql>

The purpose of the meeting is two-fold:

1. To share information about the [Justice40 Initiative](#) and also one of the pilot programs covered under the initiative – the NIEHS Environmental Career Worker Training Program ([ECWTP](#)).
2. To solicit your feedback and suggestions on how to enhance the program's effectiveness.

Please consider attending this event so that we can develop a more robust workforce development model to conduct environmental and construction-related training for disadvantaged and underserved populations throughout the United States.

The ECWTP provides training to increase opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged and underserved communities to obtain careers in environmental cleanup, construction, hazardous waste removal, and emergency response. The ECWTP is a part of the broader Worker Training Program (WTP) which is located within the NIEHS Division of Extramural Research and Training. Authorized by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), WTP funds nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated experience with providing high-quality occupational health and safety training to workers who may be involved in handling hazardous materials or engaging in emergency response activities.

Other Important Links and Documents:

- [ECWTP 25th Anniversary Page](#)
- [Mitigating the Impact of Climate Change and Securing Environmental Justice Through Safety and Health Training](#) (2-page summary)
- [The Economic Impact of the Environmental Career Worker Training Program](#) (PDF)
- [Environmental Factor - August 2020: Environmental Career Worker Training Program celebrates 25 years](#)



Celebrate Earth Day today

EARTH DAY NETWORK

For more than 50 years, Earth Day – April 22 – has been a powerful focal point for inspiring and mobilizing individuals and organizations worldwide to demonstrate their commitment to environmental protection and sustainability. Earth Day has the power to bring about historic advances in climate policy, renewable energy and green jobs. Through the Earth Day Network's program, A Billion Acts of Green, millions have made personal commitments to sustainability, mobilizing the power of people to create change by taking small steps in their homes, schools and businesses that add up to an enormous collective action.

The Earth Day Network website includes resources for teachers to educate their students about Earth Day and information on festivals in the U.S.

<https://www.earthday.org/>

A new NIEHS publication

[“Initiatives to Prevent Opioid Misuse and Promote Recovery Friendly Workplace Programs,”](#)

Highlights training programs, toolkits, resources, and initiatives from NIEHS and other agencies and organizations.

Webinar objectives:

- Provide an overview of the new NIEHS Opioid Initiatives publication.
- Learn what organizations are doing in the fight to prevent substance use disorder and to implement recovery friendly workplace programs.
- Learn how to use the document to kick start your own substance use disorder prevention or recovery friendly workplace program.

This event will be recorded and will be posted at

<https://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp/index.cfm?id=2460>

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook

The White House has released the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law guidebook](#) to show governments how they can benefit from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law programs. Environmental remediation and brownfields start on page 373.

You can also check out this [data file](#) published by the White House with a brief summary of all programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Calls

Expanding the
Conversation



working for
environmental
justice

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:

May 17th, 2022

2 - 4 p.m. Eastern

EPA environmental justice initiatives

Listening Session and Dialogue: Q&A about ongoing EJ initiatives

For more information and registration, go to:

[EJ Community Engagement Calls](#)

Tools for Communities

Upcoming EJScreen 2.0 Tool

Office Hours and Trainings

May 4, 2022, Training at 12 pm E.T.

EPA is hosting the next virtual 'Office Hours' and Trainings for users of [EJSCREEN](#), the Agency's environmental justice screening and mapping tool. Office Hours are a chance for the public to talk with EPA EJScreen experts about many topics

including how to use and apply the tool, technical issues, and any other questions. The trainings will include information on the following.

- Updates made to EJScreen 2.0
- A demonstration of the newly available features
- Tips on how to use the tool

All sessions are free, and registration is not required.

[Click Here to Join](#)

7. 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>

California Land Recycling Conference (CALRC)

Carson Civic Center, Carson, CA

June 21-23.

Reserve your seat for the California Land Recycling Conference (CALRC) at the Carson Civic Center in Carson, CA, from June 21-23. Communities recognize the urgent need to reuse, rebuild, and revitalize areas through land recycling. The innovative resolve communities have discovered to move their projects forward, creating vibrant cities, towns, and neighborhoods is genuinely inspirational. CALRC 2022 will showcase the impact of land reuse while identifying historic funding opportunities and resources available to support your journey.

Early bird registration ends April 29.

<https://www.cclr.org/events/upcoming-events/california-land-recycling-conference-2022>



2022 GBA Brownfield Seminar

June 28th

Georgia State University

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 GBA Brownfield Seminar will take place Tuesday, June 28 at Georgia State University! We are thrilled to be back IN PERSON, offering you the same incredible content and networking you've come to expect from this event. Registration is open, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

This year's Brownfield Seminar once again will provide quality education opportunities with a wide range of participants, including leading development, legal, engineering, risk management, economic development, and other professionals throughout Georgia and beyond with a shared interest in cleaning and redeveloping contaminated properties and revitalizing surrounding areas around the state. Again, this year, we plan to apply for CLE credits from the State Bar of Georgia and offer Certificates of Completion to professionals in other industries in need of CEs. To read more about GBA Brownfield Seminars, including presenters, topics, sponsors and more!

Click here

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! Registration is now open.

For more information, please visit

<https://brownfields2022.org/>



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. For more information, Go to:

<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 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>

8. Funding and leveraging opportunities

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

A Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) is an environmental investigation that documents environmental conditions at a property under consideration for redevelopment or reuse. These are conducted at no cost to communities requesting assistance. Applications are accepted and assessments are performed throughout the year. Assistance may include one or more of the following activities:

- Phase I environmental site assessment, including a background and historical investigation and a preliminary property inspection.
- Phase II environmental site assessment, including sampling activities to identify the types and concentrations of contaminants and the areas of contamination.
- Cleanup options and cost estimates based on anticipated future uses and redevelopment plans.

Every region has TBAs available on a no cost basis. For more information go the following EPA site.

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/targeted-brownfields-assessments-tba>

Environmental Justice Grants for Tribal Public Participation Plan and environmental justice

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the availability of up to \$1.6 million in [American Rescue Plan](#) (ARP) funding to support Tribal government efforts to establish or modify programs on environmental justice water and air quality issues. Earlier this year, EPA announced spending plans for the \$100 million in ARP funding appropriated by Congress in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and health outcome disparities, with \$50 million being designated to improve ambient air quality monitoring, and \$50 million designated to address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks in underserved communities. Congress made up to \$1.6 million in ARP funding available to Tribes, recognizing the

importance of supporting Tribal public engagement programs and related priorities that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

EPA anticipates awarding 16 to 20 grants nationwide in amounts of up to \$100,000 per award.

- “This funding opportunity will help ensure that our Tribal Nation partners and their communities are prioritized within EPA’s whole-of-government approach to address environmental challenges,” said JoAnn Chase, Director of the American Indian Environment Office.
- “This funding also serves as reaffirmation of EPA’s policy, and the Biden Administration’s priority, to advance and integrate environmental justice into all of our work, including our work with federally recognized Tribal governments and indigenous peoples.”

“Our partners in Tribal governments recognize that they, just like us, advance justice by starting with meaningful engagement,” said Matthew Tejada, Director of the Office of Environmental Justice. “We are excited to support their efforts to lift up the voices of the people most impacted by and vulnerable to pollution.” Applicants interested in this funding opportunity must submit grant proposal packages by **May 19, 2022**. Applicants should plan for projects to begin on October 1, 2022.

- For more information about EPA’s programs in Indian Country, visit: [Environmental Protection in Indian Country](#)
- For more information on EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>

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](#)



Clearinghouse for Federal funding sources

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>>>](#)

9. 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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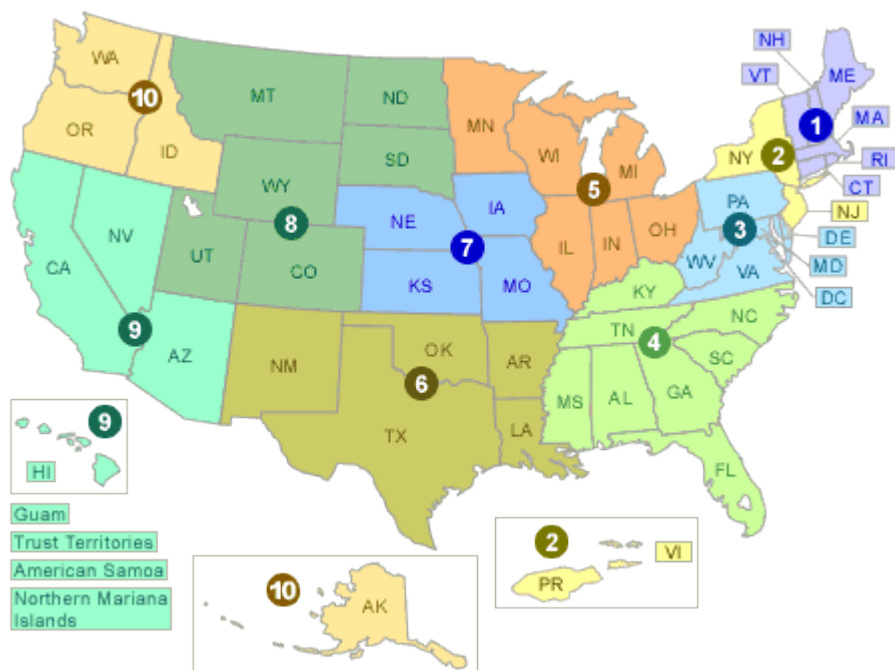
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10. Join us for the next Professional Learning Community ZOOM call April 20th

Join a conversation with EPA Brownfields Job Training grant recipients, alumni, and interested stakeholders. PLCs are scheduled every other week on Wednesdays, same time, same Zoom link.

Wednesday	May 4	12:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Mid-Year Networking Workshop
Wednesday	May 18	2:00 p.m. Eastern	
Wednesday	Jun 1	2:00 p.m. Eastern	

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

Meeting ID: 935 9865 8578

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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:
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