

# EPA MARC Grants

## EPA Brownfield Grant Overview

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# Why Apply for a Grant?

Remediating a brownfield site can get expensive very quickly



The EPA provides financial support for brownfield inventories, assessing, cleaning up, and planning for redevelopment of brownfield sites



EPA grants provide opportunities for site remediation that may not otherwise be available to you by reducing liability concerns which could open avenues for redevelopment partnerships



# THE BROWNFIELD PROCESS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

IDENTIFY SITE WITH  
REUSE POTENTIAL



PHASE I ASSESSMENT  
ALL APPROPRIATE INQUIRY



ENTER STATE  
VOLUNTARY CLEANUP  
PROGRAM



CLEANUP PLAN  
(ABCA)



SITE VISION  
AND REUSE



PHASE II  
ASSESSMENT



LEVERAGE  
RESOURCES



CLEANUP  
ACTIVITY



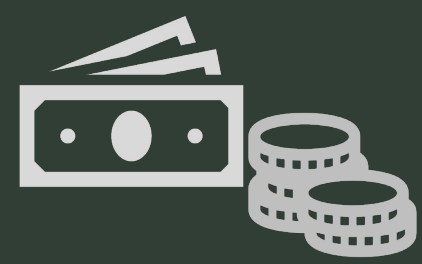
REDEVELOPMENT



EPA BROWNFIELD GRANTS AND RESOURCES

TARGETED BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT = **T**    ASSESSMENT = **A**    CLEANUP = **C**    REVOLVING LOAN FUND = **R**    MULT-PURPOSE = **M**





# Brownfield Funding Needs

## Site Acquisition & Due Diligence

- Environmental assessments
- Land transfers

## Site Planning & Preparation

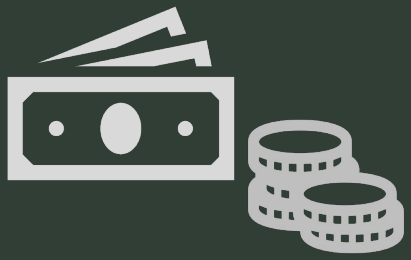
- Remediation
- Site engineering
- Infrastructure improvements

## Site Development

- Building construction or rehabilitation

## Business Development

- Financing for businesses occupying remediated sites



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\* EPA Funds Will Cover

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# Eligible Applicants – All Grants

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State, local and tribal government

General purpose units of local government

Regional council or redevelopment agencies

Non-profit organizations \*

Quasi-governmental agencies

\* 501c4 organizations not eligible for Assessment, MP or RLF Grants, but are for Cleanup Grants

# Types of Grants

Multi-  
Purpose

Assessment

Revolving  
Loan  
Funds

Cleanup

## Which EPA Brownfield Grant is Right for You?

\* Also known as MARC Grants



Types of Available Grants	Assessment Grants	Revolving Loan Fund	Cleanup Grants	Multipurpose Grants	
	Common Eligible Grant Activities	inventory, characterize & assess sites; revitalization planning; site-specific cleanup & reuse planning; community involvement	Capitalize an RLF program; provide loans and subgrants to carry out cleanup activities	cleanup activities, reuse planning, and community involvement	eligible assessment and cleanup activities in target area, including at least one Phase II ESA; one site cleanup; and an overall site revitalization plan for one or more brownfield sites
	Applicant Eligibility	(1) state/local government organizations; (2) quasi-governmental entities; (3) redevelopment agency; (4) nonprofit organizations; (5) limited liability corporations or partnerships primarily composed of nonprofit organizations; (6) qualified community development entity			
				Must own site at time of application and meet ownership eligibility criteria	Must own at least 1 target site at time of application and meet ownership eligibility criteria
	Period of Performance	3 years	5 years	3 years	5 years

# Multipurpose Grant



Best for communities that have identified a discrete area with one or more brownfield sites.

Range of activities, including:

- Developing prioritized inventories of brownfield sites;
- Conducting community engagement activities;
- Conducting environmental site assessments;
- Developing cleanup plans and reuse plans related to brownfield sites;
- Conducting cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant; and
- Developing an overall plan for revitalization.



# Assessment Grants

Provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning activities, environmental assessments, and community outreach.

- Inventory, prioritize, and assess sites
- Conduct site redevelopment planning
- Conduct community involvement and facilitate area wide planning
- Advance local cleanup and redevelopment planning centered around a brownfields-impacted area (site-specific cleanup, reuse plans)
- Develop area-wide plans or other planning activities and identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan



# Types of Assessment Grants



**Community Wide:** Recommended for communities who are beginning to address brownfield issues as well as those who have ongoing efforts. Appropriate when a community has no identified specific site but plans to spend funds on more than one site in the community.



**Coalition:** Designed for one “lead” eligible entity to partner with 2+ other eligible entities. The lead member may submit one grant proposal under the names of the members and perform assessment grant activities in each coalition member’s community.



**State and Tribal:** Available to states, tribes, and eligible native corporations in Alaska to address brownfield sites throughout their entire jurisdiction.



# Revolving Loan Fund Grants

Provide funding to capitalize a revolving loan fund that provides loans and subgrants to carry out cleanup of brownfield sites.

Used to provide no-interest or low-interest loans for eligible brownfield cleanups, subgrants for cleanups and other eligible programmatic costs

Can apply as an individual entity or as part of an RLF Coalition

Subgrants are typically limited to \$500,000 per site

**If you are considering  
applying for RLF Grant,  
contact us!**

# Cleanup Grants

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- Provide funding for cleanup activities at a single site or multiple sites owned by the applicant
- Includes program reporting, cleanup oversight, environmental monitoring
- Sampling activities and cleanup alternatives with specific cost estimates are required



# Extra Steps for Cleanup Grants



- Timing of ownership transfer
- Public meeting required to be held prior to submittal
- Community notification (no later than 2 weeks before application submittal)
  - Providing notice of public meeting (date / time) for grant application
  - Providing location of draft ABCA available for review



# Authorized Funding Levels

Grant Types	Regular Appropriated \$	Infrastructure \$*
Multipurpose Grants	Up to \$1M	Up to \$10 M
Assessment Grants	Up to \$500k, \$200k/site cap	Up to \$10M, no site cap
RLF Grants	Up to \$1M, 20% cost share	Up to \$10M, no cost share
Cleanup Grants	Up to \$650k (with waiver), 20% cost share	Up to \$5M, no cost share

# Anticipated Funding Levels★

*★based on FY22 funding levels*

Grant Types	Anticipated Award Amounts
Multipurpose Grants	Up to \$800,000
Assessment Grants Community-Wide Coalition	Up to \$500,000 Up to \$1M
RLF Grants	Up to \$1M
Cleanup Grants	Three Tiers: 1) Up to \$500,000 2) Up to \$1,000,000 3) Up to \$2,000,000

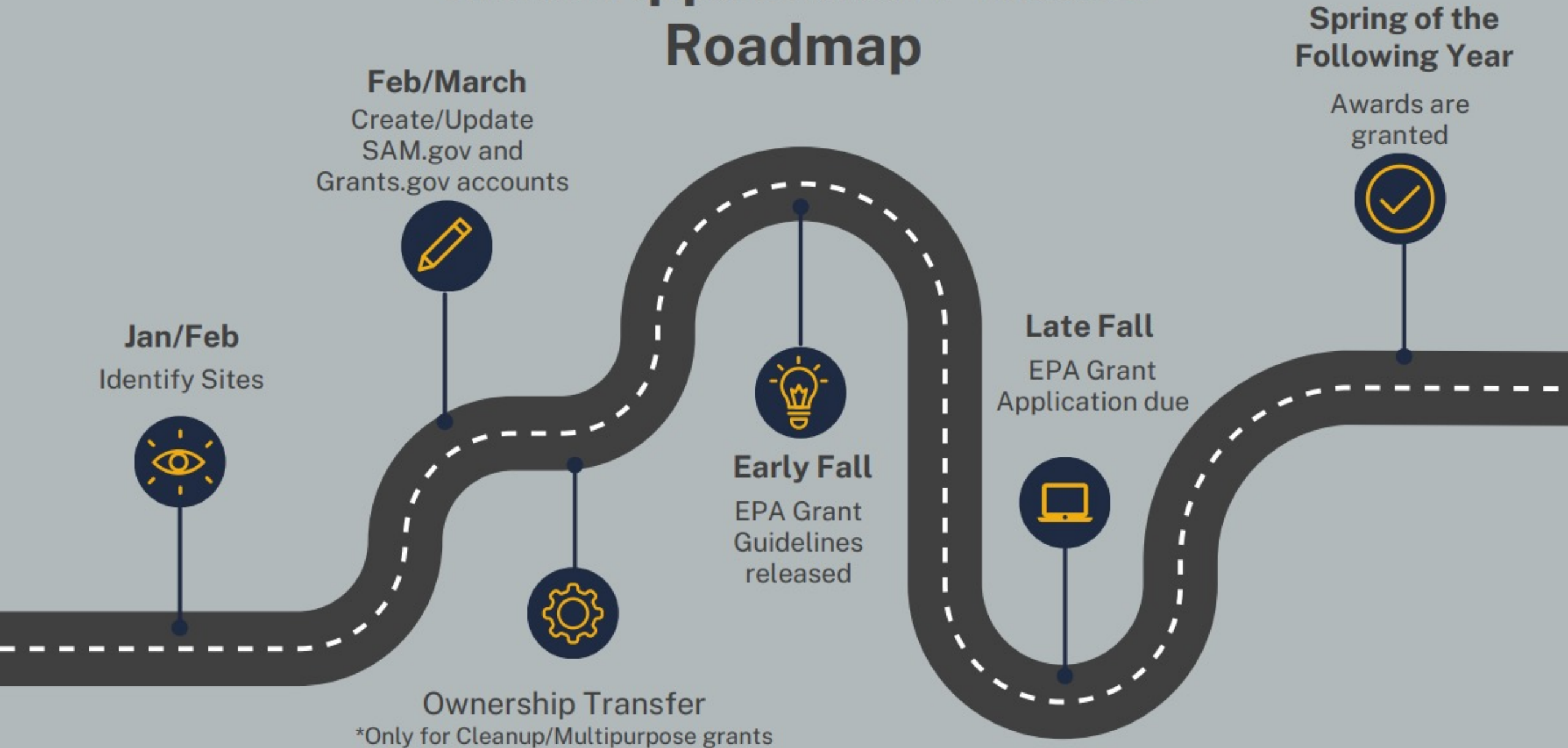




# EPA Grant Application Process



# Grant Application Process Roadmap







# Getting Started Now

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS



# Brownfield Redevelopment Team

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- Property Owner
- Developer
- Investors
- Potential Buyer
- Tenant
- Stakeholders
- Public: Local & Regional Government, Community Groups, Non-Profits
- Private: Lenders, Insurers, Investors
- Other Members
- WV DEP, EPA, QEP
- WV Brownfields Assistance Centers



# Inventory Your Site(s)

Brownfields are in every community – it's a matter of how *large* and how *many* they are

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Identifying your site(s) is a first step in redevelopment process

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You cannot begin the redevelopment process without knowing your inventory

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Through our **Inventory Support Program** your community can create an inventory of potential brownfield sites

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# All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI)



Cleanup Grant applications require the applicant to own the property, which means...

... you must have completed AAI within 180 days of the property transfer.

- AAI is performed to determine potential environmental concerns on the property.
- AAI may include a Phase I ESA

AAI is an important step because the assessment:

- Protects you from liability
- Makes you eligible for EPA funding
- Makes you aware of assets and liability on your property



# Whatever You Do...

**Do NOT** take ownership of a property without first conducting All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) if applying for a Cleanup or Multi-Purpose Grant!!



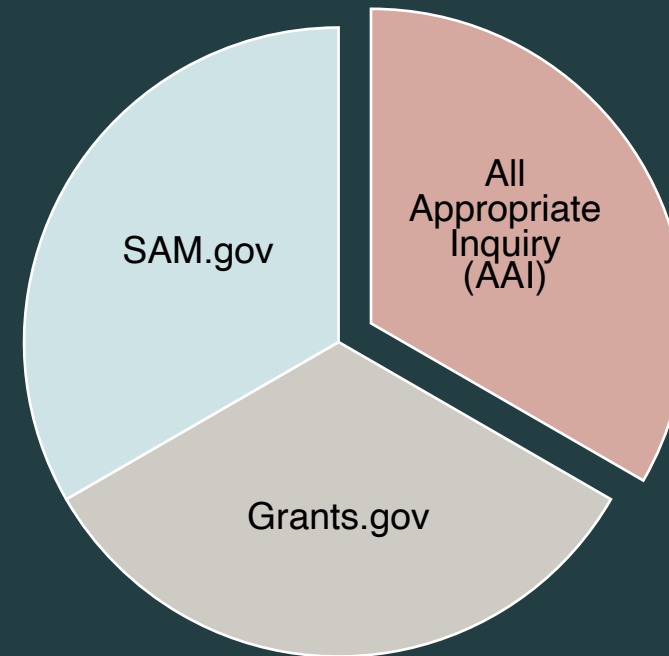


# Grant Administration Prep

SAM.GOV, GRANTS.GOV, AAI

# Where do You Even Begin?

- To apply for EPA grants, you **must** complete:
  - Registration with SAM.gov
  - Registration with Grants.gov
  - Conduct AAI on your site(s) *only if* applying for a Cleanup or Multi-purpose Grant





To apply for EPA grants, you must be registered at SAM.gov.

- The System for Award Management (SAM) is a free, official website of the U.S. government.
  - Register to do business with the U.S. government
  - Update or renew your entity registration
  - Check status of an entity registration
  - Search for entity registration and exclusion records
- Can take at least 2 weeks or more to complete – **don't wait!**
- If your organization has applied for federal funding in the past, you may already have a SAM.gov account and number.





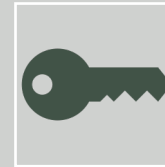
Grants.gov is a centralized location for users to find and apply for federal funding opportunities.



Register online with Grants.gov in advance



All grants must be submitted through this site, it is the federal clearinghouse for funding opportunities



You must have an account to be considered for funding!

# Anticipated FY24 Grant Timeline

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Guidelines Released

Sep. 2023

Nov. 2023

Application Deadline

Recipients Announced

May 2024

Implementation Begins

Oct. 2024

# Grant Writing Help for EPA Brownfield Applications

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## Assessment Grants

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Project Formation : Identifying Your Target Area(s)

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Community Engagement

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Budget Assistance

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Provide Templates & Example Grant Applications

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## Clean-up Grants

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Help address site eligibility issues including property ownership

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Community Engagement; Public Notice and Meeting Assistance

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Assist with the Analysis of Brownfields Clean-up Alternatives (ABCA)

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Help Identifying Matching Funds (if required)

# Homework – Starting Now!

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Determine your eligibility for  
EPA Brownfield grants

ID Project – Define your  
project, purpose of project,  
preliminary scope of project,  
anticipated project results

Site Inventory – Compile site  
information (name, location,  
ownership, site history, site  
status, etc.) and sites  
prioritized

Assessment Reports - Confirm  
that assessment  
documentation is complete  
and meets AAI requirements

Redevelopment Plans –  
Potential site re-use plans, sites  
with redevelopment plans  
completed or in-progress

For Cleanup Grant  
Applications – property  
transfer, site eligibility

Community Engagement –  
identify community partners,  
outreach efforts, community  
needs

Determine If Environmental  
Assessment Work is Complete

Sam.gov and Grants.gov –  
check to make sure you're  
registered and up to date for  
application submittal

Need BAC help? We can help,  
but with limited resources and  
multiple projects and activities  
on-going, contact the BAC's  
ASAP for assistance.



# Upcoming Events

## WEBINARS & TRAINING

- In-Person Grant Writing Workshop  
Morgantown, WV  
July 20  
[Register](#) Today!
- BAC @ Marshall  
Grant Writing – On the Road  
in Southern WV  
[Contact George](#)

## WV BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE

- Oglebay Resort,  
Wheeling, WV
- September 12-14, 2023
- [Learn more](#)

**2023 WV  
BROWNFIELDS  
& MAIN  
STREET  
CONFERENCE**  
**WHEELING,  
WV**

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

- Detroit, MI
- August 8-11, 2023
- [Register](#) Today!



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