

# Destination Grant Award

How to Fund Your Brownfield Project  
(FY26 Grant prep, Part 1)

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# Today's Speakers

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# What's on the Agenda

## Part 1: Today

- Overview of Mid-Atlantic TAB and services
- How to get started now on FY26 EPA Brownfield grant

## Part 2: Your State Webinar **(October TBD)**

- Meet your state environmental agency representative
- Meet your EPA state project officer (PO)
- FY26 grant timeline, eligibility, available funding
- Changes from last year (FY25)
- State environmental agency requirements and tips







# About Us

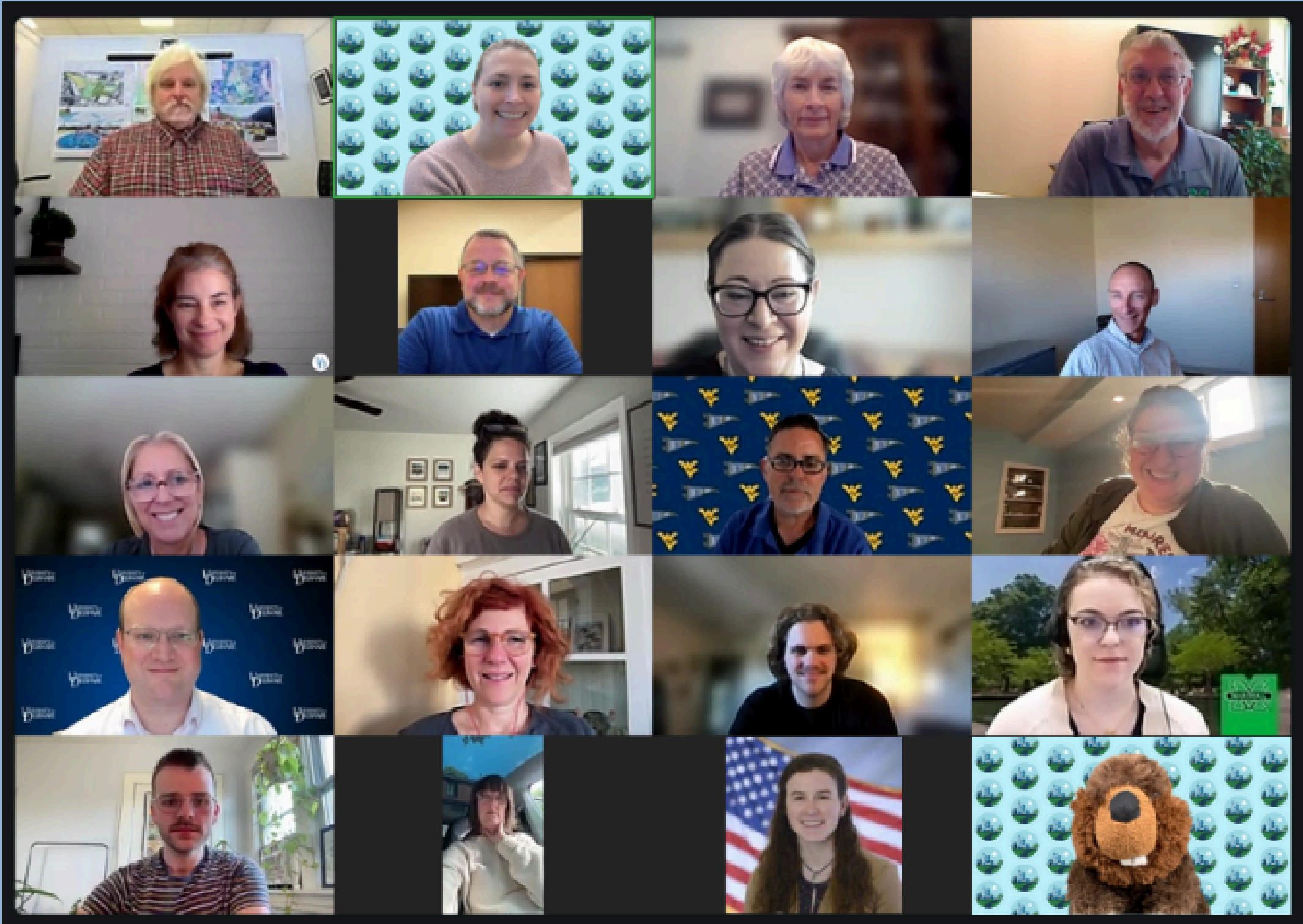
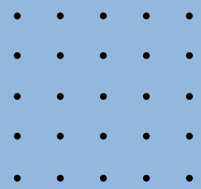
Mid-Atlantic TAB is a collaboration between leading programs across EPA Region 3. The TAB Program **provides technical assistance** to communities and stakeholders to **help address their brownfield sites** and to increase their understanding and involvement in brownfields cleanup, revitalization and reuse.

*The TAB Program is funded by EPA and available to all stakeholders.*





# Meet the Partners





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## Education and Outreach

Mid-Atlantic TAB provides educational opportunities to educate stakeholders on brownfield redevelopment and its impacts.

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## EPA Application Support

We offer support in finding and understanding EPA applications and requirements.

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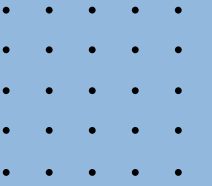
## EPA Grantee Support

Our team helps communities and organizations better understand and apply for grant opportunities related to brownfield projects.

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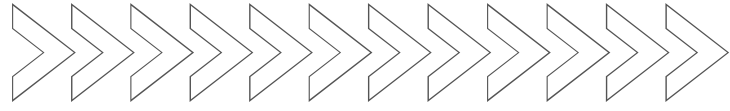
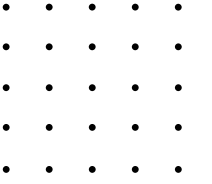
## Technical Assistance

Mid-Atlantic TAB offers support on brownfield projects, including assistance with site design, project finance, health, remediation, and site preparation.



# Our Services





# In Other Words

If you:

- Don't know what a brownfield is...
- Are overwhelmed by the redevelopment process...
- Are afraid of potential contamination and liability...
- Don't know how to pay for cleanup or redevelopment...
- Would like assistance coordinating with EPA or state agencies...

**Let us help!**





HOW TAB CAN HELP

# GRANT SEASON

1

## **Planned Webinars**

upcoming by state this fall

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## **Consultations**

1-on-1 meetings to get you started

3

## **Thorough Grant Review**

4

## **Post - Award Support**

5

## **All your brownfields questions answered!**





# MARC\* Grants

*Multi-Purpose, Assessment, & Cleanup*

\* *RLF grants not offered FY26*



# Eligibility- All Grants

- 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

Source: EPA Eligible Entities

TYPE GRANT  
APPLICATION

Given Name(s)



# Assessment Grants

These grants can be used to conduct/fund:

- ✓ Inventory
- ✓ General Planning Activities
- ✓ Site Assessment
- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ Site-Specific Cleanup Planning





# 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.

# Cleanup Grants Uses and Considerations:

- Phase I/AAI required within 6 months or less prior to purchase
- Cleanup & remediation of 1 or more sites
- Typically limited to site-specific planning for cleanup site
- Applicants must have Phase II ESA or equivalent site investigation report(s) completed required prior to submission
- Site must be owned by the applicant at the time of the application



# Multipurpose Grants

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.

## Extra Steps

Site for cleanup must be owned by the applicant by grant deadline

Verify timing of Phase 1 ESA/AAI and ownership transfer

# Extra Steps for Cleanup Grants

- Verify timing of ownership transfer
- Community notification must:
  - Be published/posted at least 2 weeks before application submittal (not grant deadline)
  - Provide notice of public meeting (date/time) for grant application
  - Provide location of draft ABCA available for review
- Public meeting **must** be held before submitting application.



# FY 26 Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications

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		In FY26, can I also apply for...?					
I am applying for		Multipurpose Grant	Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Community-Wide Assessment Grant	Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Cleanup Grant
	Multipurpose Grant	N/A	No	No	No	No	No
	Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	No	N/A	No	No	No	Yes
	Community-Wide Assessment Grant	No	No	N/A	No	No	Yes
	Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	No	No	No	N/A	No	Yes
	Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
	Cleanup Grant	No	Yes (Choose One Type)			No	N/A

Note: To read this chart, identify the relevant grant type from the far-left column. Read across the row for eligibility information on the other grant types. For example, I am applying for a *Community-wide Assessment Grant*. In FY26, can I also apply for a *Cleanup Grant*? The green box indicates yes.

# FY 26 Eligibility Chart for Existing Grant Recipients

My organization currently has		In FY26, can I also apply for...?					
		Multipurpose Grant	Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Community-Wide Assessment Grant	Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Cleanup Grant
Multipurpose Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant
Community-Wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Not eligible	Must draw down 60% of each CWAGST Grant	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Yes
Community-Wide Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes
Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes
Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RLF Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-Lead Member of an RLF Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleanup Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, for a site that has not previously received Cleanup Grant funding

Note: Applicants must also meet all threshold criteria outlined in Section 2. of the guidelines. If you plan to apply for more than one grant type, please refer to the FY26 MARC Grant Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications to determine which grants are available to you.



# Anticipated Funding for FY 26

Grant Type	Maximum Project Period	Maximum Amount per Grant	Estimated Awards	Total Per Grant Type - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funds	Total Per Grant Type - Regular Appropriated Funds
Multipurpose	5 years	\$1,000,000	20	\$20,000,000	
Community-wide Assessment	4 years	\$500,000	70	\$35,000,000	
Assessment Coalitions	4 years	\$1,500,000	39		\$58,700,000
Community-wide Assessment Grants for State and Tribes	5 years	\$2,000,000	18	\$35,000,000	
Cleanup	4 years	\$500,000	10	\$5,000,000	
Cleanup	4 years	\$4,000,000	26	\$102,000,000	

# **Revisions to FY25 (last year's) Application**

New grant guidelines are expected to be announced by EPA in early-mid September, 2025.

This topic will be covered in the state-specific webinars currently scheduled for October.



**Let's do this!**

# HOW TO PREPARE NOW

## BEFORE FY26 GRANT GUIDELINES ARE RELEASED

### New Application

- Start preparing draft application by referencing FY25 guidelines
  - Closed FY25 guidelines for reference
- Cleanup Grant: Contact state environmental agency for site characterization letter
  - Confirm eligibility of applicant
  - Verify timing of Phase 1 ESA/AAI (180 days or less)
- Familiarize yourself with previous guidelines, threshold criteria, and forms
- Make sure sam.gov and grants.gov accounts are up to date
- Reach out to EPA project officer before solicitations open
- Get to know your state environmental agency
- Contact Mid-Atlantic TAB with questions or to review draft



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# HOW TO PREPARE NOW

## BEFORE FY26 GRANT GUIDELINES ARE RELEASED

### Revisions to FY25 Application (Unsuccessful)

- Review previous application to identify areas for improvement
- Refer to EPA debrief comments
- If no debrief, ask experienced reviewers (Mid-Atlantic TAB)
- Cleanup Grant: Contact state environmental agency for site characterization letter (cannot use previous year)
- Familiarize yourself with previous guidelines, threshold criteria, and forms
- Make sure sam.gov and grants.gov accounts are up to date
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To Register/Check Status/Renew: [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)







**You will need:**

- Unique Entity ID
- Tax ID #
- Bank routing number, bank account number, and account type (i.e. checking/savings) to set up Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- All non-Federal entities must mail original, signed, and notarized letter to the Federal Service Desk within 30 days of activation.



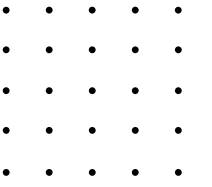
- Must be renewed every 12 months.
- Must be active when applying for grants.
- Make sure contact information is correct and up to date.
- FREE to register and renew- Watch Out for Scams!

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# Upcoming Events



## WV Brownfields & Main Street Conference

Morgantown, WV

The WV Brownfields & Main Street Conference is West Virginia's premier redevelopment event with sessions and workshops on brownfields redevelopment and downtown revitalization in rural communities. This year marks 20 years since the WV Brownfields Assistance Centers were founded.



## From Dry and Dirty to Engaging and Exciting Webinar

Brownfields are complex and often misunderstood, but engaging your community is key. Hear from experienced brownfield and community engagement champions about how to find creative ways to engage your stakeholders!



## FY26 EPA Brownfield Grants State-Specific Webinars

Join us for state-specific webinars as we discuss FY 26 grant guidelines. Representatives from each state environmental agency as well as assigned EPA project offers will review guidelines.





# Wrapping Up



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO  
BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITIES

**Mid-Atlantic TAB is here to help with any questions you may have throughout your brownfield journey- And our services are FREE!**

**We have teams across Region 3 who offer their own services and specialties.**

**We're ready to assist you with your brownfield projects!**





# Thank You!



TAB Hotline: **(304) 293-7002**

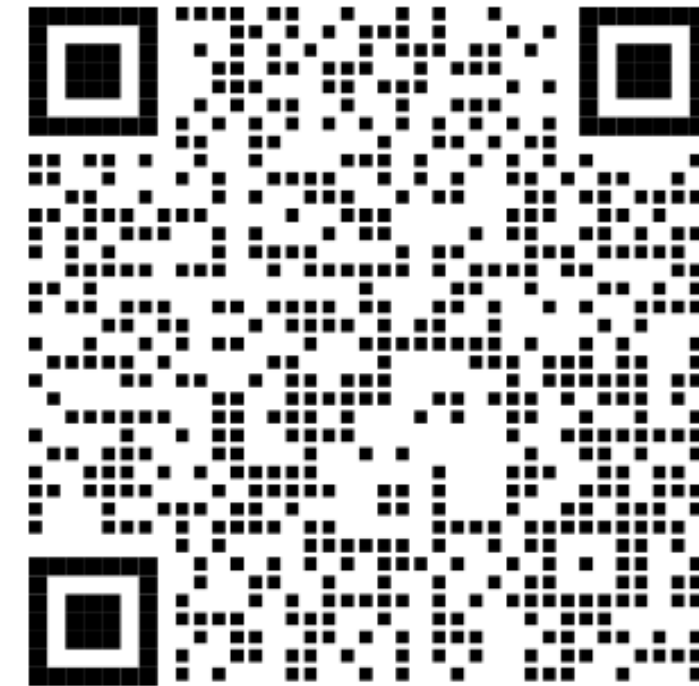
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