

# **Brownfields 2020 Job Training Fact Sheet**

## ***Lorain County Board of Commissioners, Cities of Lorain and Elyria, OH***

### **Grant Recipient Information**

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### **Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities and place them in environmental jobs. To date, EPA has funded 305 job training grants totaling over \$63 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of October 2019, more than 18,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 13,700 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 75% since the program was created in 1998.

### **Job Training Grant**

**\$200,000.00**

EPA has selected the Lorain County Board of Commissioners for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. The Lorain County Board of Commissioners plans to train 66

students and place at least 36 graduates in environmental jobs. The training program includes 162 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, general safety management, respirator protection, OSHA standards for general industry, and First Aid/CPR-Emergency Responder. Participants who complete the training will earn two federal certifications. The Lorain County Board of Commissioners is targeting the Cities of Lorain and Elyria, which have the highest unemployment and poverty rates in the county, the largest percentage of minority residents, and the lowest median household incomes. Key partners include Lorain County Commissioners, Lorain County Workforce Development Agency, Lorain County Joint Vocational School's Adult Career Center Lorain County Community College, Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, Hull & Associates, Inc, and Partners.

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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