

# Brownfields 2021 Job Training Fact Sheet

## *People United for Sustainable Housing, Inc., Buffalo, NY*

### 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 communities affected by environmental pollution, economic disinvestment, and brownfields and place them in environmental jobs. Since the program was created in 1998, EPA has funded 335 job training grants totaling over \$72 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. A total of 18,541 individuals have been trained and 13,751 individuals have been placed in full-time careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. The average starting wage for these jobs is more than \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 74%.

### Job Training Grant

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected People United for Sustainable Housing, Inc. (PUSH Buffalo), for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. PUSH Buffalo plans to train 50 students and place at

least 35 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 242 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, OSHA 10-hour for Construction, OSHA 16-hour Confined Space Entry, Solar PV Installation, Building Performance Institute-Building Analyst, Green Infrastructure, Mold Remediation, Lead Worker, and Asbestos Handler. Students who complete the training will earn up to nine federal certifications. PUSH Buffalo is targeting unemployed and underemployed workers residing in marginalized communities in the City of Buffalo. Key partners include Buffalo Geothermal Heating LLC, Montante Solar, the Buffalo Sewer Authority, Lamparelli Construction Company, Hayes Construction, Greentop, Cooperation Buffalo, and the Society for the Advancement of Construction-Related Arts.

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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