

Brownfields 2022 Job Training Fact Sheet Auberle, McKeesport, PA

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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 Brownfields Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields 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 352 job training grants totaling over \$75 million through the Brownfields Job Training program. A total of 19,456 individuals have been trained and 14,560 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 percent.

Job Training Grant

\$199,327.00

EPA has selected Auberle for a Brownfields Job Training grant. Auberle plans to train 50 students and place at least 37 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 115 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, Asbestos, Lead Renovation and Repair, Confined Space Entry, OSHA-10, Blood Borne Pathogens, and CPR/First Aid. Students who complete the training will earn up to seven

federal certifications. Auberle is targeting chronically underemployed, unemployed, and at-risk students in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, including the cities of Pittsburg, Wilkinsburg, McKeesport, and Duquesne. Key partners include Allegheny County Economic Development, Partner4Work, PTA, ABMECH Inc., MPW Industrial Services, Clean Harbors, Massaro Corporation, Flagger Force, Q-Dot, and Professional Training Associates Inc.

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).

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant application; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of the information. The cooperative agreement is negotiated after the selection announcement. Therefore, the funding amount and activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.