

Brownfields 2022 Job Training Fact Sheet

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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

\$199,790.00

EPA has selected the Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation for a Brownfields Job Training grant. The Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation plans to train 75 students and

place at least 45 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 240 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, Introduction to Environmental Justice/Environmental Stewardship, Introduction to Brownfields, Phase I and II Site Assessments and Field Work, Field Technician Basics, Soil /Groundwater Sampling and Fieldwork, OSHA 30-hour General Industry, GIS Drainage and Infrastructure, Survey Mapping, Stormwater/Water/Wastewater and Environmental, HAZMAT Waste Management and Shipping, FEMA ICS, Certification for Lead, Asbestos, and Mold, Solid Waste Management/Remediation and UST Awareness, and First Aid/ CPR/ AED and Bloodborne Pathogens. Students who complete the training will earn up to one state certification and four federal certifications. The Pioneer Bay Community Development Corporation is targeting unemployed and underemployed students in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida. Key partners include North Port St. Joe Project Area Coalition, the Gulf County Economic Development Coalition, the University of West Florida, Alpha Environmental Services, PPM Consultants, Cardno, BFA Environmental Consultants, H&H Trucking and Tree Service, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, the Gulf County Emergency Management Center, Gulf Coast State College, CareerSource, Christian Community Development Fund, Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team, FBA, Gulf/Franklin State College, the Gulf/Franklin County Department of Health, City of Port St. Joe Wastewater Treatment Plant, Limitless Vistas, Inc., and the Florida Brownfields Association.

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.