

Brownfields 2023 Job Training Fact Sheet

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Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, Tribal Nations, 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, Tribal Nations, 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 371 job training grants totaling over \$79 million through the Brownfields Job Training program. A total of 20,341 individuals have been trained and 15,168 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 75 percent.

Job Training Grant

\$500,000.00

EPA has selected the Pittsburgh Conservation Corps d/b/a Landforce for a Brownfields Job Training grant. Landforce plans to train 66 students and place at least 35 in environmental jobs. The training

program includes 98 hours of instruction in 40-Hour HAZWOPER, First Aid/CPR, Chain Saw, and Green Stormwater Infrastructure. Students who complete the training will earn up to one federal certification. Landforce is targeting unemployed and underemployed students from the City of Pittsburgh and the Boroughs of Swissvale and Rankin. Key partners include Eichenlaub, Financial Empowerment Center, Hazelwood Initiative, JLL, Partner4Work, Penn State Center, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Pittsburgh's Department of Public Works, Plantscape, Rivers of Steel, and Solace Consultants.

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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