Brownfields 2025 Job Training Fact Sheet
Pocatello, ID

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Job Training Grant

$498,750.00

EPA has selected the City of Pocatello for a Brownfields Job Training Grant. The City of Pocatello plans to train 72 students and place at least 65 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 104 hours of instructional training, as detailed in the chart below. Students who complete the training will earn up to four federal certifications. The City of Pocatello is targeting students within the cities and towns in the Economic Development District of Southeast Idaho, which serves the counties of Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power, all of which have populations that suffer from higher poverty rates and much lower median income as compared to the state and national averages. Key partners include the Bannock County Office of Emergency Management, Eastern Idaho Talent Pipeline Management, the Idaho Department of Labor, Idaho State University, Simplot, and the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments.

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).

Grant Recipient Information

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Additional Skills and Services	

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 awarded 430 job training grants totaling over $113.1 million through Brownfield Job Training Programs. With these grants, approximately 23,460 individuals have completed training and over 17,450 individuals have been placed in careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 74 percent. The average starting wage for these jobs over the last five years is approximately $23 an hour.

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.