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# Brownfields 2026 Job Training Fact Sheet

## *Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments, Akron, OH*

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 5 Brownfields Team

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### Job Training Grant

\$500,000.00

EPA has selected Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments for a Brownfields Job Training Grant. Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments plans to train 40 students and place 30 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 106 hours of core instructional training and up to 180 additional training hours for elective pathways, as detailed in the chart below. Students who complete the training will earn up to ten state and federal certifications and licenses. Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments is targeting veterans and formerly incarcerated individuals from Summit County, with a focus on the City of Akron. Key Partners include the OhioMeans Jobs, City of Akron, Summit County, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates, the Greater Akron Chamber, Conxus NEO, Elevate Greater Akron, Strengthening Stark, Stark State College, the University of Akron, Training Services International, Bad Day Training and Consulting, the Akron Urban League, The Well CDC, East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation, Cardinal Environmental, Erie Environmental, Terracon, and Verdantas.

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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<b>Certificates &amp; Technical Curriculum Supported by EPA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40-Hour HAZWOPER</li> <li>• OSHA 10</li> <li>• Repair, Renovation, and Paint</li> <li>• Confined Space Entry</li> <li>• First Aid/CPR/AED</li> <li>• Asbestos Abatement Worker</li> <li>• Vapor Intrusion and Radon Measurement/Mitigation</li> <li>• GIS</li> <li>• Class A CDL w/HazMat Endorsement</li> <li>• OSHA/EPA Compliance for Small Contractors</li> </ul>
<b>Other Curriculum</b>	
<b>Additional Skills and Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job Readiness and Life Skills</li> </ul>

## 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 456 job training grants totaling over \$119.8 million through Brownfield Job Training Programs. To date, excluding pilot program years, approximately 22,400 individuals completed training, and over 16,600 individuals have been placed in careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of 74 percent. The average starting wage for these jobs over the last five years is approximately \$23 an hour.

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*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.*