

EPA Brownfields Update

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State and Tribal 128(a) Funding

▶ FY22

- ▶ Annual Appropriations: \$5,653,411
- ▶ BIL: \$6,148,731
- ▶ Total: \$11,802,142

▶ FY23

- ▶ Annual Appropriations: \$5,769,226
- ▶ BIL: \$6,453,376
- ▶ Total: \$12,222,602

MARC Awards

- ▶ Final award list early May
- ▶ Debriefs
 - ▶ Still waiting on additional direction from OBLR regarding consultant participation in debriefs
 - ▶ As of now, we're planning on allowing consultants to continue sitting in, but not talk, on the debriefs
 - ▶ We're working to improve our debrief messaging and assistance, so please let me know if you don't find them helpful

FY23 Competition

Grant Type/Selection List	Maximum Project Period	Maximum Amount Per Grant	Estimated # of Awards/Proposals Received		Total Per Grant Type	
					BIL Funds	Regular Appropriated Funds
Multipurpose	5 yrs	\$800,000	17	23		\$14.0 M
Assessment (States/Tribes)	5 yrs	\$2,000,000	17	14	\$35.0 M	
Assessment Coalitions	4 yrs	\$1,000,000	20	21		\$20.0 M
Assessment (CW) - New	4 yrs	\$500,000	36			\$18.0 M
Assessment (CW) - Existing	4 yrs	\$500,000	25	277		\$12.5 M
RLF (New)	5 yrs	\$1,000,000	10	23	\$10.0 M	
Cleanup	4 yrs	\$500,000	40	39	\$20.0 M	
Cleanup	4 yrs	\$1,000,000	25	41	\$25.0 M	
Cleanup	4 yrs	\$2,000,000	8	33	\$15.0 M	
			198	471	\$105 M	\$64.5 M

FY23 Moving Forward

- ▶ Still a focus on disadvantaged and new communities who have not benefited from Brownfields funding yet
- ▶ Probably won't bring State and Tribal assessment grants back as an option (may potentially bring back in years 4 or 5 of BIL)
- ▶ Likely going back to alternating between RLF and Multipurpose grant competitions starting with Multipurpose in the FY24 competition
- ▶ We're hopefully past the challenges we faced last year in awarding the FY22 grants (including start dates beginning on July 1 and clarifying pre-award costs)
 - ▶ R4 has created new "cheat sheets" that will be provided to new grantees
- ▶ Grants with cleanup activities will have a new budget line item for construction costs

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs)

- ▶ The TBA program provides environmental assessment services at eligible Brownfields sites on behalf of eligible entities
 - ▶ Phase I and Phase II ESAs, as well as developing cleanup options with cost estimates
 - ▶ Services are conducted by an EPA contractor with EPA funding at no cost to the applicant
 - ▶ TBA applications are available on the our website and accepted anytime throughout the year
- ▶ TBA applicant and the site to be assessed must meet certain eligibility criteria
 - ▶ For example, sites where the TBA applicant is potentially liable for contamination or petroleum sites where there is a viable responsible party are not eligible for TBA assistance
- ▶ Region 4 looks to support TBA projects where there is a need for EPA assistance and with the potential to provide benefits to the community
 - ▶ Projects in small communities and/or underserved communities, projects that promote environmental justice, and projects where site reuse or redevelopment plans provide community benefits

IG/OGD Investigation

- ▶ 17 Region 4 grantees were involved in the IG/OGD investigations due to potential procurement issues
- ▶ Please make sure your communities aren't borrowing RFPs/language from consultants or other communities
 - ▶ HQ creating some guidance documents (separate from MARC FAQs)
 - ▶ We're in the process of drafting a contracting fact sheet that will go out to grantees with the award information
 - ▶ We're also working with our TAB provider to have RFP examples ready
- ▶ The IG isn't done! They will continue to scrutinize our work because BIL included funding for the IG

Technical Assistance Grants Update

- ▶ Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Provider
 - ▶ ICMA is our current TAB provider
 - ▶ \$5 million over a 5-year period
 - ▶ Region 4 received and reviewed 3 TAB provider proposals
- ▶ Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants
 - ▶ 5 new nationwide technical assistance grants focusing on 5 different focus areas: RLFs, Nonprofits, Local Government Leaders; Minimizing Displacement Research, and Land Bank Research
- ▶ Applications were due in February; expect an announcement in May or June

New Grantee Meetings

- ▶ Once we have the MARC award list, we'll start working on locations for the new grantee meetings and grant writing workshops
- ▶ The Alabama Brownfield Association has offered to host one
- ▶ We'll run options by the states before finalizing
- ▶ Please let me know if you have any suggestions for topics to cover

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Questions?

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