



Brownfields 2018 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet **City of Tacoma, WA**

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 cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities, including low-income and minority, unemployed, and underemployed individuals. To date, EPA has funded 288 job training grants totaling over \$60 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of May 2018, more than 17,100 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 12,500 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 73% since the program was created in 1998.

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\$200,000

EPA has selected City of Tacoma for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. The City of Tacoma plans to train 54 students and place at least 39 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 216 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, first aid/CPR, 30-hour OSHA construction safety, underground storage tank/leaking underground storage tanks, confined space entry, asbestos worker, forklift operator, scissor lift operator, chemical safety awareness, and remediation technology. Participants who complete the training will earn three state certifications and three federal certifications. The City of Tacoma is targeting low-income, unemployed residents of Tacoma, Washington. Key partners include Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region, the Clover Park Technical College, and TCB Industrial Corporation.

Contacts

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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