

# **TRANSFORMING BROWNFIELDS: A PATH TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**A Virtual Round Table Discussion  
Monday, October 26, 2020; 2:00pm**

*The Virtual Workshop will begin shortly.*

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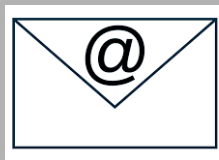
# *Free technical assistance to NJ county and local governments*

## Brownfields Help Desk

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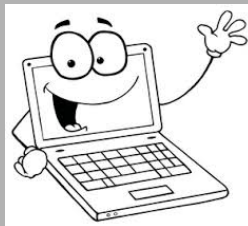


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## Brownfields Resource Center



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# NJEDA Environmental Justice

- **What:** Holistic view – Using Brownfields & Sustainable Systems to drive economic growth
  - Encouraging thriving and inclusive urban centers and downtowns, with a focus on reducing poverty
- **Why:** Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Justice, and Economic Prosperity are interdependent and mutually reinforcing ideas
- **How:**
  - More Investment Resources
  - More robust partnerships with sister agencies
  - More technical assistance



# NJEDA's New Expansion of Brownfields and Sustainable Systems

## Work

### Internal & External Integration & Partnerships

- Environmental Justice
- Climate Resilience
- Community Collaborative Initiative

### Brownfield Assistance Center @ NJIT

### NJEDA Awarded USEPA RLF Brownfield Grant (Brownfield Impact Fund)

- Tentative Launch Date = 2021

### NJEDA Applying for EPA Assessment Grant

### NJEDA Brownfield Loan Program

- Tentative Launch Date = January 2021





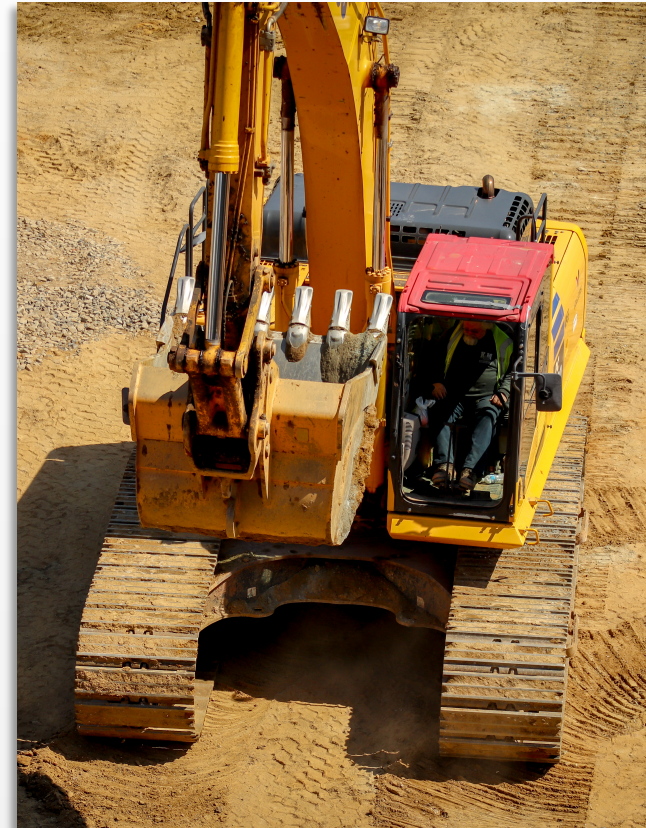
# Brownfield Loan Program

## Key proposed program features

- \$15MM Pool of Funds for 2021
- Low interest loans for brownfield remediation includes assessment, investigation, and cleanup.
- Demolition, Asbestos, Lead Based Paint are all eligible.
- Minimum \$100K – Maximum \$5MM
- 10-Year Term. No payments first two years – Interest Only  
Next two years. Amortizing balance. No Pre-payment penalty.
- Base rate of 3%, with rate reductions incentives available.

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[https://www.njeda.com/financing\\_incentives/large\\_business/Brownfields-Loan-Program](https://www.njeda.com/financing_incentives/large_business/Brownfields-Loan-Program)





## SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM – PHASE 3

Expanded eligibility  
(up to 50 FTEs)

Larger award sizes  
(up to \$20,000)

Targeted funding  
for restaurants  
and micro  
businesses

**Program Size**

**\$70M**

*33% set aside for businesses in  
OZ-eligible census tracts*

<https://cv.business.nj.gov/>

**All applicants must pre-register online  
between October 19 - October 27**

Applications will open on a rolling basis for different types of businesses.

**Restaurants**  
(Up to 50 FTEs)



**Micro Business**  
(1-5 FTEs)



**All Other Applicants**  
(Non-Restaurant; 6-50 FTEs)



Applications open at 9 am



## SMALL AND MICRO BUSINESS PPE ACCESS PROGRAM

A new resource to ensure small and micro businesses and non-profit organizations have access to the PPE they need to reopen safely.

### Program Size

~\$24M

*More information at*  
[covid19.nj.gov/ppeaccess](https://covid19.nj.gov/ppeaccess)

### Phase 1

- **Online PPE Planning Tool** to help small business owners estimate their PPE needs for the rest of year / flu season
- Vetted list of Designated Vendors that provide at least a **10% discount** to **any businesses** that purchases PPE through [covid19.nj.gov/ppeaccess](https://covid19.nj.gov/ppeaccess)
- **\$3.5M funding** for NJ-based manufacturers and small wholesalers that sell to Designated Vendors
- New Designated Vendors listed soon

### Phase 2

- **~\$20.5M in grant funding** to be launch **targeted by end of October / early November**
- **Additional 25% discounts** on PPE purchases for NJ-based **businesses under 100 FTE**
- Covers up to **\$400 per company**, **\$500 if company is located in an Opportunity Zone Eligible Census Tract**
- Must be used through Program's Designated Vendors
- Grant funds **automatically applied at checkout**