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## NJIT TAB Leads Grant Writing Boot Camp in Richmond, VA

NJIT TAB designed and implemented the August 8, 2018 Brownfield Grant Writing Boot Camp held in Richmond, Virginia, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) and USEPA Region 3. The goal of the boot camp was to provide a fun and engaging hands-on experience that would inspire communities to submit high-quality brownfield grant proposals.

NJIT TAB and the partners provided a brief overview of the USEPA brownfield grant process, and then led a hands-on grant writing exercise.

An important component of the boot camp was the hands on grant writing exercises. The attendees worked in teams to first critique a section of a grant proposal and provide suggestions on how to improve the proposal. Then each team competed to “win” by developing a project pitch and described how they would use the grant funds, leverage additional resources and how their project would benefit the community.



Approximately 30 people attended the workshop, including many local government staff, community development staff, economic development officers, and nonprofit staff.

The evaluation survey responses were positive, including comments that the boot camp content was energizing and educational as well as fun and informative. Many of the attendees said that they found it very helpful to have an opportunity to meet with staff from VADEQ and USEPA.