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## **WAITING FOR NOFO**

*What To Do Before The US EPA Brownfield Grant Guidelines Drop*



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## **Waiting for NOFO: What to Do Before the US EPA Brownfield Grant Guidelines Drop | Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 12PM ET**

### **Post-event Resources**

Thanks for joining us for this webinar! This document is a handy take-away sheet of resources discussed during our session as well as some additional ones that you may find useful. Feel free to reach out to us with any and all of your brownfield questions!

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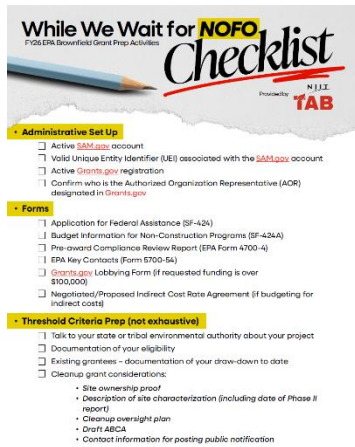


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## Resources:



### Digital “While We Wait for NOFO” Checklist: FY26 EPA Brownfield Grant Prep Action Items

<https://www.njit.edu/tab/waiting-nofo-checklist>

Includes pointers for:

- Administrative set-up
- Forms
- Threshold Criteria Preparation
- Narrative Criteria Preparation

## Budget Sources:



### Analysis of Brownfields Costs (ABC) Tool



### Analysis of Brownfields Costs Tool:

<https://www.communitylattice.com/abc-tool>

### Sample Successful Grant Applications:

<https://www.njit.edu/tab/sample-grant-applications>

## Budget Refinement:

### Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A):

<https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms/readonly/SF424A-V1.0.pdf>

### Interim General Budget Development Guidance for Applicants and Recipients of EPA Financial Assistance:

Please be advised that this guidance is currently being updated. Last Revised: January 12, 2023

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-05/documents/applicant-budget-development-guidance.pdf>

### US EPA How to Develop a Budget – Direct Costs Module:

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/how-develop-budget>



### Mid-Atlantic TAB Budget Tool Tutorial:

[https://youtu.be/Jt1w\\_D1aFjU?si=gv6G58oDpsJuaH9i](https://youtu.be/Jt1w_D1aFjU?si=gv6G58oDpsJuaH9i)



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## Required Administrative Activities to Submit an EPA Brownfields Grant Application:

<b>SAM.gov Account:</b>	<a href="https://sam.gov/">https://sam.gov/</a>
<b>How-to: Unique Entity Identifier via Sam.gov</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/4RSHjczdxq8?si=e3EMYt9WPCGSPtdS">https://youtu.be/4RSHjczdxq8?si=e3EMYt9WPCGSPtdS</a>
<b>Grants.gov Account:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/">https://www.grants.gov/</a>

## Check out NJIT TAB's Brownfields Academy:

### How-to videos:

<https://www.njit.edu/tab/how-videos>



### How-to build a grant project team | NJIT TAB How-To's

[https://youtu.be/MFchSwBXn6E?si=zqjiKjDbGZ\\_-GnPc](https://youtu.be/MFchSwBXn6E?si=zqjiKjDbGZ_-GnPc)

### Interactive Learning Modules:

<https://www.njit.edu/tab/learning-modules>



### Brownfield Inventorying:

<https://njit-tab.ispring.com/app/preview/e9e9cf94-e7e0-11ef-8998-3ee00d7073fa>



### Brownfield Planning: Stage 1 - Build Your Task Force

<https://bit.ly/Planning-Stage-1>



### Brownfield Planning: Stage 2 - Create Your Vision

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**Answers to Q&A Portion:**

- 1) Do you predict the NOFO will be released in 2026?**
  - a. The short answer is, we don't know. We don't know how close the EPA was to releasing the NOFO before the government shutdown. We are anticipating that it will be released soon but cannot make any guarantees at this time.
  
- 2) Do you have any recorded sessions on budget preparation?**
  - a. We don't have a recorded session at this time but would like to create one in the future!
  
- 3) We are a small City applying for a cleanup grant and most of the roles you listed will be filled by the City Manager. We are hiring engineers to handle a lot and we obviously have an attorney. Do we have to have other people fill the other roles?**
  - a. It is not necessary/critical to outsource the other roles if your staff can handle the responsibilities of each role on the brownfields task force. What is listed in the presentation are just suggestions. These roles may differ between a cleanup grant versus, say, an assessment grant. If you do not have that capacity in house, what would you want your consultant (Qualified Environmental Professional) to pick up in terms of those tasks? These do not need to be completely defined right now but should be considered early.
  
- 4) If you are the lead on a current EPA Assessment Coalition Grant, will you be precluded from applying for a Community-Wide Assessment Grant if the focus areas are different?**
  - a. According to the FY26 Eligibility Chart\* for Existing Grant Recipients, if you are an Assessment Coalition lead you *can* apply for a Community-Wide Assessment grant, but you **must draw down 70% of your Assessment Grant** by the time you are applying.
    - i. \*FY26 Eligibility Chart can be found here:  
<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-08/fy26-eligibility-charts-for-multiple-apps-and-existing-recipients.pdf>



- 5) **Is the NOFO required to provide us 60 days to submit or can that timeline be shortened?**
- a. Traditionally the time between the NOFO release and the application due date has been about 60 days. *This may or may not change with the FY26 NOFO.*
- 6) **We are a county community redevelopment agency. It's good to know we can be the lead on a Coalition grant but the requirement for three distinct cities, towns, etc. and any municipality we would partner with would more than likely still be within the county.**
- a. Your target area, as the county redevelopment agency, does not have to be the entire county. You can select a target area within your county.

**Thanks for joining us; if you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to us using the contact info below! The NJIT TAB team is available to provide your community with FREE technical assistance on your brownfield redevelopment projects, from inception to completion!**

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