



BROWNFIELDS GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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EPA BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM



Brownfield: a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the **presence** or **potential presence** of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Pre-Cleanup



Post-Cleanup



**Countless
reuse options!**





BEFORE: Auto Repair and Machine Shop



AFTER: Mixed-use Affordable Housing and Commercial Development

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



NAVIGATION CENTERS/TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

FOOD RESILIENCY HUB



HEALTH CLINICS



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



COMMUNITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE



COMMUNITY GARDENS

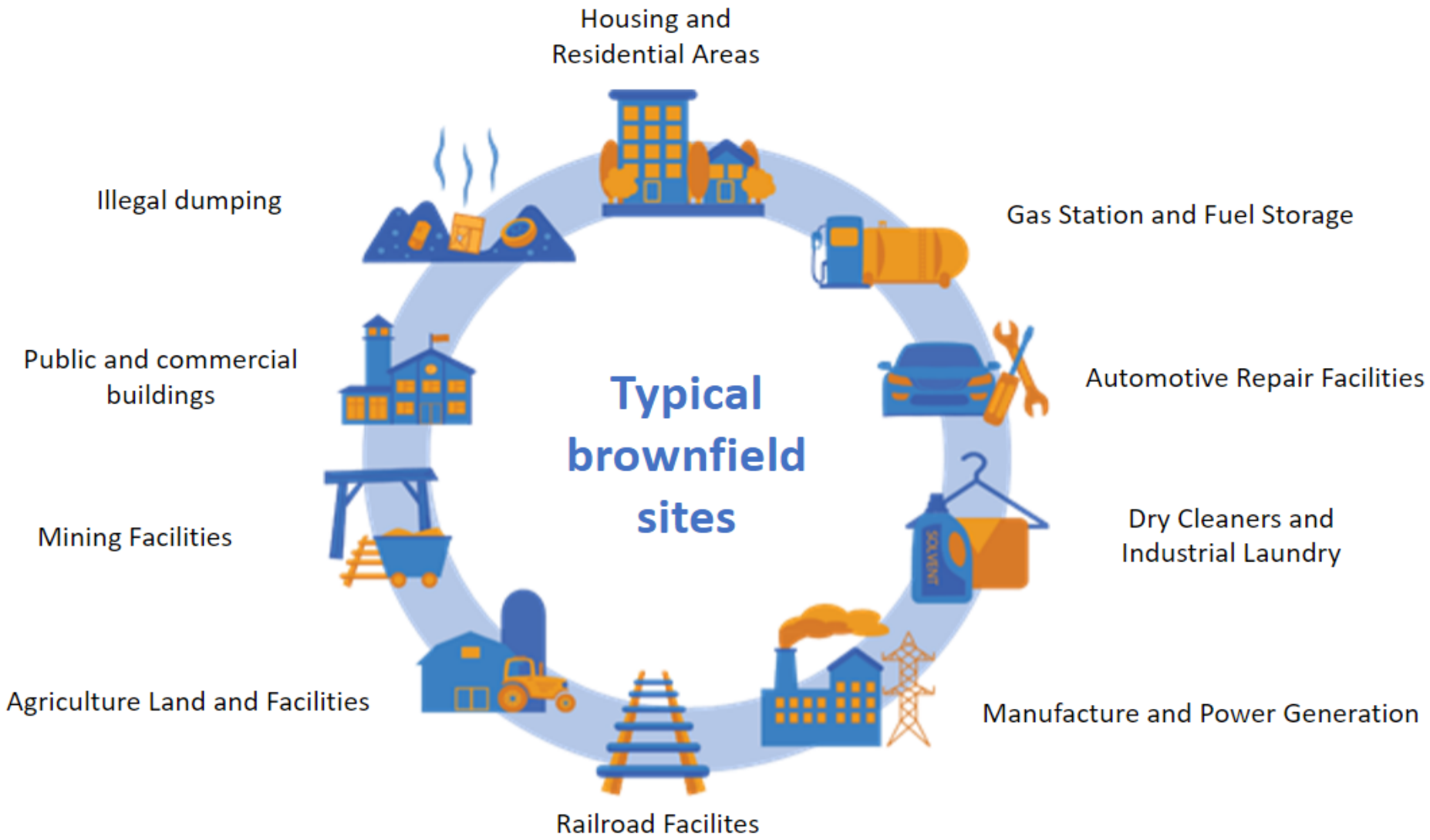


ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION



RENEWABLE ENERGY

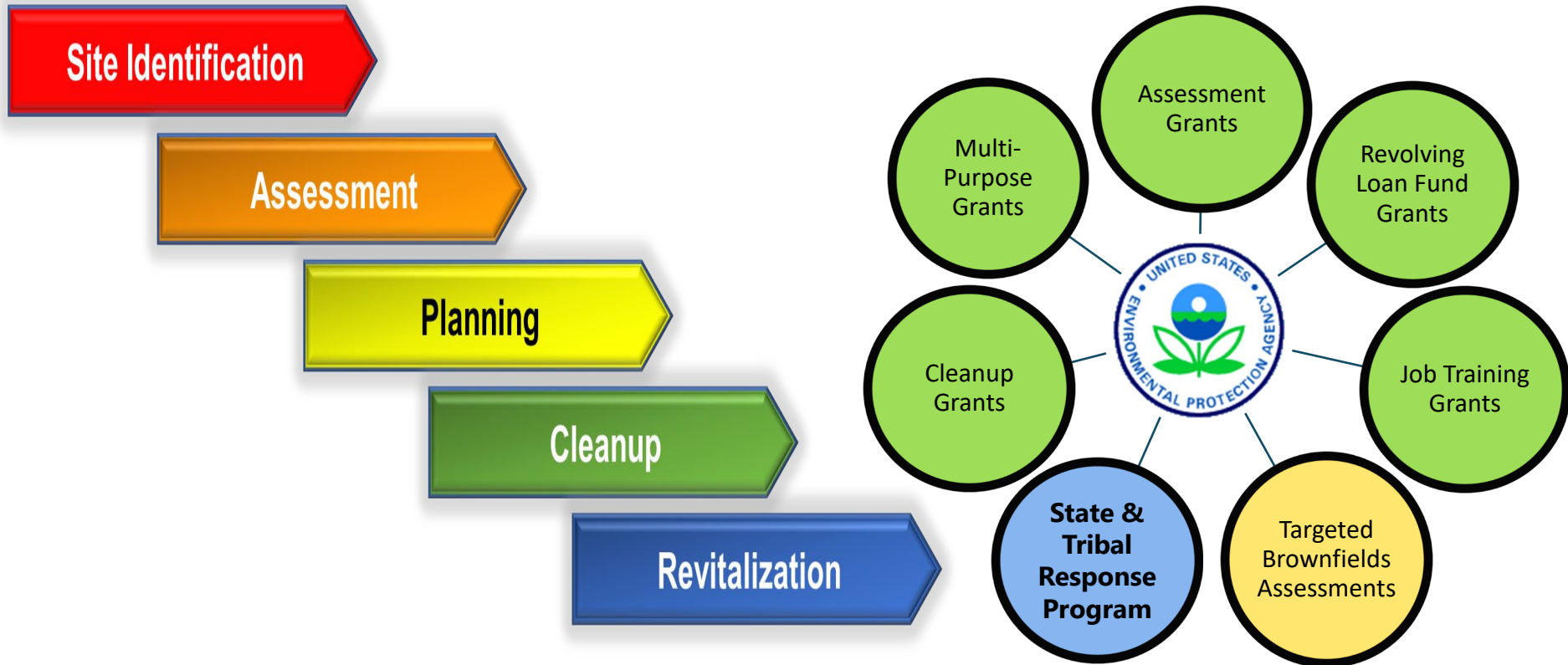
TYPICAL BROWNFIELDS SITES



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We provide funding for all steps of the (re)development process!



The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law added \$1.5B to EPA's Brownfield Program

ENTITIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS



States

Tribes

**Non-Profits
501(c)(3)**

**General Purpose
Unit of Local
Government**

Ex: City, county, school district,
local public authority, regional
gov entity, special district

**Qualified
Community
Development
Entity**

POSSIBLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS



**City & County
Planning
Departments**

**Land Trusts &
Land Banks**

**Affordable Housing
Developers**

**Parks Departments
& Housing
Departments**

**Federal & State
Government**

TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENTS



- **Activities:** EPA provides free contractor assistance to perform Phase I/II site assessments and data evaluation
- **Application:** Open year round, [online application](#)
- **Requirements:**
 - Must have a redevelopment in mind for property
 - Reuse must serve public good
 - Preferably in an underserved community



COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT GRANT



- **Activities:**

- Inventory
- Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessments
- Community Engagement
- Cleanup and Redevelopment Planning

- **Length:** 4 years

- **Award Amount:**

- Up to \$500,000



ASSESSMENT COALITION GRANT



- **Activities:** Inventory, Phase I/II assessments, community engagement, cleanup and redevelopment planning
- **Lead Entities:** Must be a state, county government, Indian tribe, regional council, or a **group** of general-purpose units of local government
- **Partners:** 2-4 partners with focus on community organizations
- **Length:** 4 years
- **Funding:** Up to \$1,500,000



REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING



Redevelopment planning activities are eligible under Assessment Grants:

- Area-Wide Plans
- Site Reuse Assessment and Visioning
- Market Evaluation
- Infrastructure Evaluation
- Preliminary Site Design
- Site Revitalization Planning
- Resource Roadmap/Capital Stacking



CLEANUP GRANT



- **Activities:**

- Site cleanup
- Community involvement
- Regulatory Oversight Fees
- Reuse Planning

- **Requirements to apply:**

- Site ownership
- Sufficient site characterization

- **Funding:**

- Up to \$500,000
- Up to \$2,000,000
- Up to \$5,000,000

- **Length:** 4 years

BIL Funding → No cost share



MULTIPURPOSE GRANT



- **Activities:** Inventories, prioritizing sites, community engagement, environmental assessments, cleanup and reuse plans, cleanup activities, and overall plans for revitalization in a discrete area.
- **Funding:** up to \$1,000,000
- **Required activities:**
 - One Phase II environmental site assessment;
 - One brownfield site cleanup
 - An overall revitalization plan, including a reuse strategy for one or more sites
- **Length:** up to 5 years



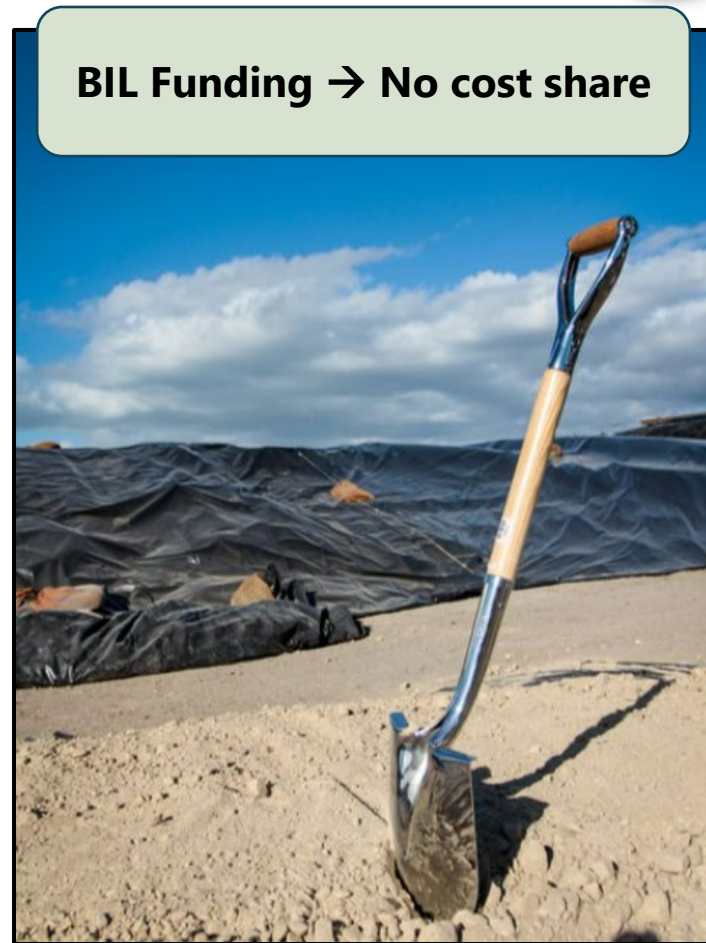
** likely not open for FY25 grant cycle*

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) GRANT



- **Activities:** Loans and subgrants for site remediation; privately-held sites can be eligible for loans.
 - At least 50% of funding must go to loans
- **Capacity:** Recipients need to be able to effectively administer loans and manage program income
- **Funding:** Up to \$1,000,000; can receive supplemental funding over time
- **Length:** up to 5 years

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BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING



- **Activities:** Workforce development grant to train environmental technicians. Can receive multiple certifications, tailored training to market demand
- **Eligible Entities:** Governments and Non-Profits
- **RFA:** Recently Closed
- **Funding:** \$500,000
- **Length:** 5-years



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PROPOSAL PREPARATION SUPPORT



Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)

- Will review draft proposals and provide valuable feedback
- Get proposals to them ASAP, multiple reviews are possible (time permitting)
- Go to cclr.org or email Ignacio Dayrit (Director of Programs) at ignacio.dayrit@cclr.org



UPCOMING GRANT SOLICITATIONS



Grants Cycle on an Annual Basis!

Assessment, Cleanup, RLF, and Multipurpose Grants

- Usually opens in **September**
- Request for Applications Open for ~60 days
- Start early and get support!
- Grant selections usually announced the following May

Job Training Grants

- Usually opens in late **May**
- Request for Apps open for ~60 days
- Grant selections usually announced in the fall

STAY UPDATED!



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