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### **\$1.5 B Infrastructure Law Funding to Brownfields**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that passed in November 2021 will invest more than \$1.5 billion in EPA's Brownfields Program. This is the single largest investment in U.S. Brownfields infrastructure ever! It will provide \$1.2 billion in EPA Brownfields Project Grants and \$300 million to State and Tribal Brownfields Programs.

We are so excited to work with all of you and be part of this historic investment. We have no doubt it will transform countless lives and spur life-changing revitalization in our communities large and small, urban and rural, all with the same desire to keep neighborhoods healthy and sustainable.

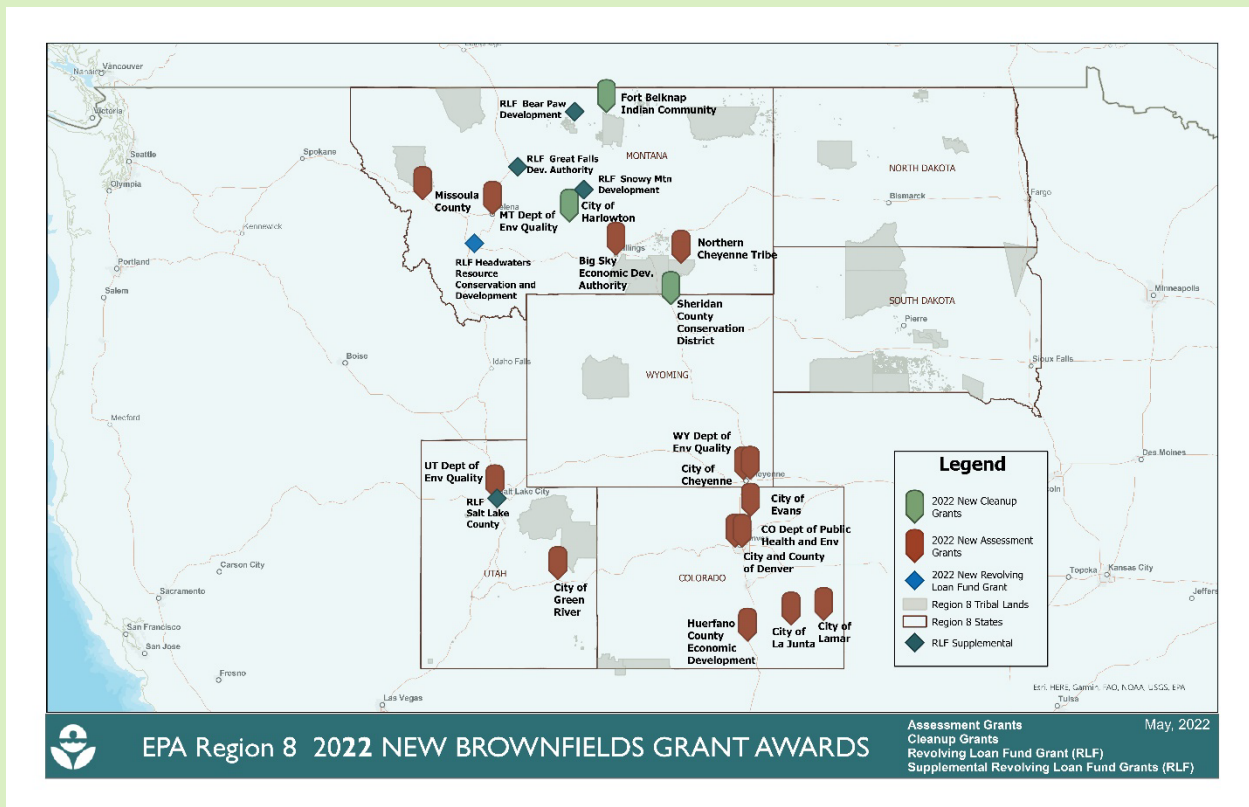


Click [here](#) to learn more and click [here](#) for a Spanish translation.

## Region 8 Communities to Receive \$27.4 Million in Assessment and Cleanup Funds

EPA is excited to announce that \$146 million will be awarded to 236 grants nationwide through EPA's brownfields Assessment, Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant competition. In Region 8, a total of \$14.8 million in assessment and cleanup grants will be provided to 18 communities. Additionally, \$12.6 million in supplemental funding will go to four highly successful Brownfields RLF recipients in Region 8.

Congratulations to the Region 8 communities listed below! For more information, read [EPA's press release](#), [grant awardee information](#), and specific press releases linked below.



- [Montana Department of Environmental Quality](#): \$2M Assessment Grant
- [Snowy Mountain Development Corporation](#), Montana: \$3.9 M RLF Supplemental Funding
- [Great Falls Development Corporation](#), Montana: \$2.65 M RLF Supplemental Funding
- [Bear Paw Development Corporation](#), Montana: \$2.15 M RLF Supplemental Funding
- [Headwaters Resource and Conservation Development](#), Montana: \$1 M RLF Grant
- [Big Sky Economic Development Authority](#), Montana: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [Harlowton](#), Montana: \$500,000 Cleanup Grant

- [Missoula County](#), Montana: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [Fort Belknap Indian Community](#): \$500,000 Cleanup Grant
- [Northern Cheyenne Tribe](#): \$448,199 Assessment Grant
- [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#): \$2M Assessment Grant
- [Denver](#), Colorado: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [Evans](#), Colorado: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [Huerfano County Economic Development](#), Colorado: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [La Junta](#), Colorado: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [Lamar](#), Colorado: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [Utah Department of Environmental Quality](#): \$1,320,845 Assessment Grant
- [Salt Lake County](#), Utah: \$3.9 M RLF Supplemental Funding
- [Green River](#), Utah: \$500,000 Assessment Grant
- [Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality](#): \$2M Assessment Grant
- [Sheridan County Conservation District](#), Wyoming: \$585,000 Cleanup Grant
- [Cheyenne](#), Wyoming: \$500,000 Assessment Grant

## LAND REVITALIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEW 2022 PROJECTS:

Dixon, MT: **Community engagement** for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to discuss and reach consensus on reuse of a 100-acre former sawmill.

Sheridan, WY: **Economic feasibility, infrastructure, and market studies** for the former ACME power plant buildings and design of a funding prospectus for securing grants.

Gypsum, CO: **Site reuse design** for a former CDOT maintenance yard that the town envisions becoming a public square/central gathering space.

Mandan, ND: A **market analysis, development of potential revitalization plans, and development of a financing structure** for a key downtown area.

Missoula, Montana: Preliminary planning by the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) for a **geothermal district energy system** for building heating and cooling for a mixed-use brownfields redevelopment.

Clinton, Montana: **Community visioning** for redevelopment of a dilapidated property into a park, including **design workshops with nearby elementary school students and residents**.

Turtle Mountain Reservation: **Community involvement to develop a site design** for reuse of a former tuberculosis sanitarium property owned by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.

Missoula, Montana: **Transportation planning and preliminary engineering feasibility** for an area with numerous brownfield properties including a 30-acre former sawmill to be redeveloped with affordable housing, commercial and light industrial uses.

## News from Land Revitalization Technical Assistance Program

We will be starting eight new and exciting technical assistance projects in our Region. The new projects are listed in the box on the left.

Region 8's recently developed [Land Revitalization Technical Assistance StoryMap](#) Series includes six StoryMaps that feature different types of technical assistance and show how perceived roadblocks can be overcome, sustainable design features can be incorporated and how communities can realize goals. If you would like to know more about this assistance, check out the [StoryMap!](#)

Pictured below land revitalization technical assistance in action:



Above: Getting neighbors' input for a stream design in Denver, CO.



Above: Design concept for a "shared street" in Uptown Butte, MT.



## Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Good News! The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law means **more** funding for the types of grants and assistance that we already offer to communities. Upcoming Brownfield grant solicitations are posted on EPA's webpage [here](#) and a few are highlighted below.

- The Brownfields Job Training Grant solicitation will be posted at the end of May/June 2022.
- The Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant solicitation will be available in September 2022.
- The Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities grant solicitation will be available in spring/summer 2022.

## Brownfields Technical Assistance

EPA also provides the following technical assistance (**non-grant**) to communities:

- **[Targeted Brownfields Assessments](#)**: EPA provides environmental assessment services free of charge to communities through the Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program. Services typically include Phase I and II assessments and cleanup planning. TBA applications are short, can be completed online and can be submitted anytime throughout the year. Click [here](#) and get started with a TBA application.
- **[KSU Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities](#)** (KSU-TAB): KSU TAB provides support to Region 8 communities free of charge to help overcome brownfields challenges. They provide a variety of technical assistance, resources, and trainings. Those interested should contact [Maggie Belanger](#) or visit the [KSU TAB website](#) to learn more.

The KSU TAB Team has developed a new tool called the [Brownfields Community Capacity Assessment \(CCA\)](#). The CCA helps communities identify strengths and areas of growth related to aspects of brownfields redevelopment and measure improvement over time. It was designed to evaluate your brownfields program in the key areas of leadership, partnerships, and visible redevelopment Programs. You can make a request to complete the assessment or get more information by contacting Maggie Belanger via email: [maggiejessie@ksu.edu](mailto:maggiejessie@ksu.edu) or phone: 785-230-6825.

KSU TAB can help you with your Brownfields grant proposal applications! Their [TAB EZ tool](#) is online and free of charge to draft your application and configure it for the type of application you are writing (Assessment, Cleanup, Multipurpose or Revolving Loan Fund). KSU TAB also provides free review of draft brownfield grant proposals for applicants in EPA Region 8 (contact [Maggie Belanger](#)).



If you have a 128(a) Tribal Response Program Grant, check out KSU TAB's fact sheets for [KSU Tribal TAB Assistance with Infrastructure Law Funds](#) and [Enhancing Tribal 128\(a\) Brownfields with Infrastructure Law Funds](#).

- **[Land Revitalization Technical Assistance](#)**: Have you thought about how Land Revitalization Technical Assistance could help your community overcome a specific brownfields challenge in your community? If so, check out our new [Land Revitalization Technical Assistance StoryMap](#) and the three new documents available in the [Land Revitalization Toolkit](#):
  - [Preparing Your Plan for Site Reuse \(pdf\)](#) helps a community evaluate the financial feasibility of different brownfields revitalization scenarios.
  - [Revitalization-Ready: A Guide for Revitalizing Land in your Community](#): a step-by-step process for identifying reuse possibilities for contaminated sites.
  - [Creating a Brownfields Investment Package \(pdf\)](#) explains how to compile relevant site information into a highly visual communications and marketing document.

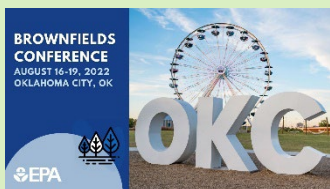
## Networking Events



**An Introduction to Job Training Grants Webinar** will be held virtually on May 24, 2022, from 10:30 -11:00 for anyone in Region 8 considering applying for a Brownfields job training Grant. [Click here to join the Teams meeting](#).



**[Tribal Lands and Environment Forum](#)** will be held August 8-11, 2022 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The deadline to submit a session proposal is May 16, 2022.



**[The National Brownfields Conference](#)** will be held August 16 – 19, 2022 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Registration is open and the educational sessions are posted [online](#). Consider stopping by the Region 8 open house and attending sessions highlighting Region 8 projects below:

- [Brownfields 101](#) includes our very own Ted Lanzano as a speaker on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 8:30 -11:00 am.
- [Brownfields Financing and Resource Roadmap](#), featuring Debra Figueroa with the City of Glenwood Springs, Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 8:30 am – 2:15 pm
- **Region 8 Open House**, meet up with EPA Region 8 staff and with colleagues within our Region, Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm, [stay tuned for more information](#).

- [Partnership Power: Integrating federal, state, local, and private resources to reimagine the Acme Power Plant](#), featuring Sheridan Wyoming Conservation District, Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 11:45 am -12:00 pm
- [How to Start When You Don't Know Where to Begin](#), featuring the City of Kalispell, Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 12:05 pm – 12:20 pm
- [Meet the Deal Makers: Successful Revolving Loan Fund Programs](#), panelist includes Doug Jamison with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm
- [Off the Beaten Path with a Swiss Army Knife: Tools to Attract Developers to Rural Projects](#), panelist include Katharine King with City of Kalispell and Stacy Ericksen with EPA Region 8, Thursday, August 18, 2022, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm
- [Partnerships to Assess, Clean and Redevelop Contaminated Tribal Housing](#), panelist include Ray Reed and Ray Parisian with the Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Indians and Ted Lanzano with EPA Region 8, Thursday, August 18, 2022, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

### Brownfield Accomplishments in Region 8

The Region 8 brownfields program continued progress through the pandemic years, as these accomplishments from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022 demonstrate.

#### Region 8 Brownfields Accomplishments April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2022



Correction to the Fall 2021 WBWire which incorrectly noted \$1.7 M leveraged instead of \$107.7 M leveraged in fiscal year 2021.

## **Turtle Mountain Project Highlight: Congratulations to Team Turtle Mountain!**

A partnership that includes the Turtle Mountain Housing Authority, the Turtle Mountain EPA brownfields coordinator, the HUD Office of Native American Programs, and the EPA Region 8 Brownfields Program received a superhero – Project Team of the Year award at the Travois annual conference on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This is for their outstanding achievements in rehabilitating tribal housing at the LaBelle Cour housing complex in Belcourt, North Dakota.

The [Travois conference](#) focuses on providing information and assistance to tribal entities interested in securing funds for affordable housing and economic developments. The annual event is free for those working in housing and community or economic development and who serve American, Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian communities.

The Turtle Mountain project team's efforts include testing, abatement, demolition, and subsequent construction of new housing at LaBelle Cour. EPA played a significant role in the assessment of the housing through Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs). The Tribe also received three consecutive brownfields cleanup grants totaling \$1,200,000 for asbestos abatement at the former homes. This environmental assessment and cleanup work put the Turtle Mountain Housing Authority in a strong position to win a \$2,992,558 grant from HUD's Indian Community Development Grant (ICDG) Imminent Threat-CARES Act that was used to safely demolish the structures and rebuild eight new homes and a road. The Housing Authority also has plans to redevelop the entire site with an additional 52 homes in 2022 using a combination of funding from HUD Title VI loan guarantees, low-income housing tax credit investor funds and other grants.

The innovative multi-agency partnership creates a model for future tribal housing projects at a time when significant infrastructure funding is being made available. As other tribes work towards providing safe and affordable housing, the Turtle Mountain partnership provides a proven road map. You can contact [Ted Lanzano](#) for more information and attend the [session](#) at the National Brownfields Conference on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 11:45 am.



Above: Brand new homes at LaBelle Cour.  
Photo courtesy of Turtle Mountain Brownfields Program.

### **Turtle Mountain Team Best Practices:**

- Build strong networks and working relationships across tribal departments to maximize access to diverse resources and expertise.
- Convene and participate in interagency workgroups and collaborative efforts. Challenges sometimes cannot be solved by any one organization, and close collaboration across local tribal and federal agencies is essential.
- Hold regular team meetings.
- Work with tribal leadership and staff to prioritize, inventory and assess brownfield sites and stay focused on the community's reuse needs.
- Persevere! Stay with it and celebrate the small successes.



## EPA Region 8 Updates

Kathleen (KC) Becker ([bio](#)) was appointed as the Region 8 Regional Administrator on November 18, 2021. KC is already reaching out to Region 8 communities. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, she met in Denver with the South Platte Urban Waters Federal Partnership for the announcement of an ecosystem restoration partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and to discuss how urban water quality, green infrastructure and brownfields coordinate together in the watershed partnership. On March 15<sup>th</sup> she joined six nonprofit groups for a reuse planning workshop at the Concrete Coyote Community Park in Colorado Springs. Redevelopment of this park, previously a batch asphalt and concrete plant, is one of the ongoing activities funded by an EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment grant awarded to the Colorado Springs-Fountain Brownfields Coalition in 2019. If she hasn't already, she may head to your part of the Region soon.

The Region 8 brownfields staff have also had some changes recently. In January, Danny Heffernan, our long-time fearless leader, moved from the Brownfields Branch Manager to become Associate Deputy Regional Administrator in Region 8. Christina Wilson is now the acting Brownfields Branch Manager. Taking Christina's place as Acting Brownfields Team Leader is Greg Davis (through June 30<sup>th</sup>) followed by Melisa Devincenzi who will be Acting Brownfields Team Leader starting in July. You will also start to see and hear from new staff as we onboard new brownfields team members. We have begun returning to the office and traveling. We look forward to reconnecting with you in person in the near future!



Above: EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker (second from left) at the South Platte Urban Waters Federal Partnership meeting.



Above: Region 8 Brownfields and Revitalization Team  
Top row, left to right: Christine Michaud-Tilly, Stacey Eriksen, and Greg Davis.  
Second row from top, left to right: Melisa Devincenzi, Ted Lanzano, and Christina Wilson  
Third row from top, left to right: Barbara Benoy, Julie Kinsey, and Susan Nordstrom  
Bottom row, left to right: Tim Rehder and Stephanie Shen

## Contact Us

For more information about U.S. EPA Region 8 Brownfields Program, please visit: [the Region 8 Brownfields Webpage](#), [Region 8 Brownfields contacts](#) or contact Stephanie Shen with the EPA Region 8 Brownfields Team at: [shen.stephanie@epa.gov](mailto:shen.stephanie@epa.gov).

