

# EPA New England FY2020 Brownfields Grant Guidelines Workshop

**OCTOBER 28, 2019 – PROVIDENCE, RI**

**OCTOBER 31, 2019 – BOSTON, MA**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2019 – EAST HARTFORD, CT**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2019 – SANFORD, ME**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2019 – MANCHESTER, NH**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2019 – MONTPELIER, VT**





# Purpose of the Workshop

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- ▶ Provide an overview of the FY2020 Brownfields Grant Guidelines.
- ▶ Grants available for FY2020:
  - Assessment
  - Cleanup
  - Revolving Loan Fund
- ▶ Review the application process and requirements.
- ▶ Provide an opportunity for Q&A.
- ▶ Should any information provided in the following slides or by the presenters differ from the Guidelines, the language written in the Guidelines shall prevail.



# Brownfields Definition

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*“... real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.”*

**Hazardous Substances**  
**Petroleum Contamination**  
**Asbestos & Lead Paint**  
**Controlled Substances (e.g., Meth labs)**  
**Mine-Scarred Lands**  
**Other environmental contaminants**



# FY2019 Brownfields MAC Awards

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	Nation-Wide	New England
Proposals Received	438	71
Proposals Selected	151	31
Assessment	107	20
Cleanup	33	10
Multipurpose	11	1
Total Funding	\$64.6 Million	\$11.6 Million



# Brownfields Funding for FY2020

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- ▶ EPA anticipates awarding 126 grants nationally for a total of \$ 48 Million:
  - 100 Assessment Grants - \$ 31 Million
  - 18 Cleanup Grants - \$ 9 Million
  - 8 Revolving Loan Fund Grants - \$ 8 Million
- ▶ These amounts may increase if funding is available.





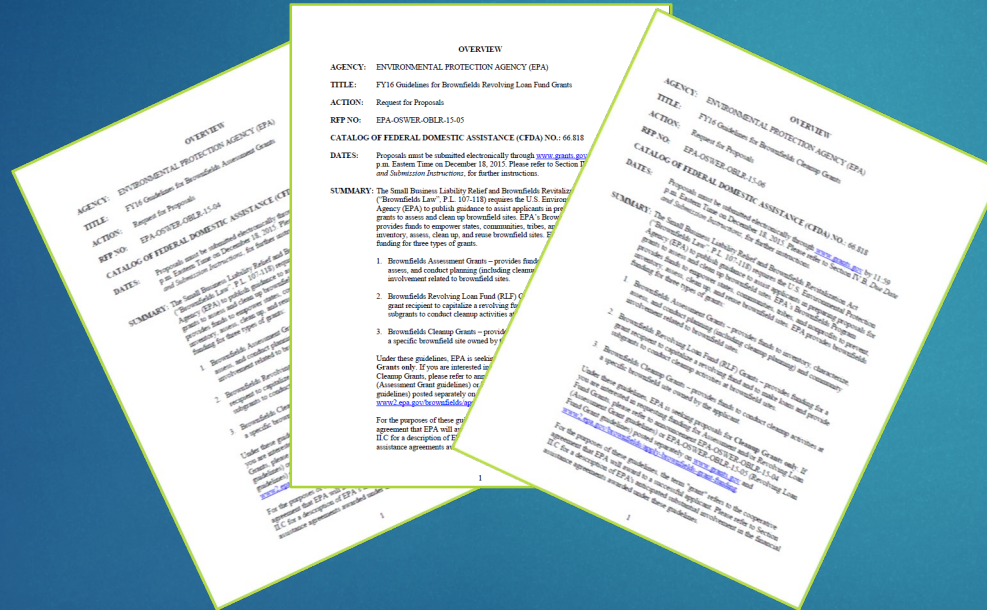
# Proposal Guidelines

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# What's New - General

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- ▶ No Multipurpose Grants this year. They will be available again in FY2021.
- ▶ This is now a Request for Applications (RFA). Applications require 6 items to be submitted in [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Specifics will follow.
- ▶ A complete list of changes to the Guidelines can be found in FY20 [FAQs A.1](#).



# What's New – Ranking Criteria

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- ▶ **Criterion 1.a.ii – Description of the Priority Site(s)** no longer asks you to describe whether the site(s) is located adjacent to a body of water or is a federally designated flood plain.
- ▶ **Criterion 1.b.ii – Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy** now allows you to describe how your revitalization plans will spur economic development in an Opportunity Zone.
- ▶ **Criterion 2.a.ii – Threats to Sensitive Populations** now includes environmental justice challenges.
- ▶ **Criterion 2.b.i – Community Involvement** evaluation criterion now includes the degree to which project partners represent different types of groups/organizations.



# What's New – Ranking Criteria

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- ▶ Criterion 3 – Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress
  - Information on outputs is in a new sub-criterion – Tasks/Activities and Outputs.
  - The Tasks/Activities and Outputs sub-criterion has been revised.



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# What's New – Assessment Grants

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- ▶ If you received a FY2019 Multipurpose Grant, you cannot apply for a FY2020 Assessment Grant.
- ▶ **Threshold Criteria** - Current assessment grantees must have drawn down at least 70% of the funds from each of their current assessment grants by **November 1, 2019** in order to apply for a FY2020 assessment grant.
- ▶ **Evaluation Criteria** - Total point score has changed to **150 points**. Individual criterion are now 5 or 10 points each.
- ▶ See FY20 **FAQs** **I.1-14** for more information on Assessment Grants.



# What's New – Cleanup Grants

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- ▶ If you received a FY2019 Multipurpose Grant, you cannot apply for a FY2020 Cleanup Grant.
- ▶ **Ranking Criteria**
  - **Criterion 1.b.i – Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans** has been revised to incorporate how reuse takes into account whether the site is in a federally designated flood plan.
  - **Criterion 3.c – Cost Estimates** now includes the cost share.
- ▶ **Evaluation Criteria** - Total point score has changed to **170 points**. Individual criterion are now 5 or 10 points each.
- ▶ See FY20 **FAQs K.1-17** for more information on Cleanup Grants.



# What's New – RLF Grants

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- ▶ **I.A Description of Grant** - RLF subgrants are now limited to \$350,000 per site.
- ▶ **Ranking & Evaluation Criteria** - RLF Guidelines have been updated to be consistent with Assessment & Cleanup Guidelines.
- ▶ **Ranking Criterion 4.b.i – Past Performance and Accomplishments – Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant** may receive more points if you have significantly depleted your funds.
- ▶ **Evaluation Criteria** - Total point score has changed to **185 points**. Individual criterion are now 5 or 10 points each.
- ▶ See FY20 **FAQs** **J.1-5** for more information on RLF Grants.



- ▶ An application submitted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) now requires the following:
  1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
  2. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)
  3. Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)
  4. Preaward Compliance Review Report (EPA Form 4700-4)
  5. EPA Key Contacts (EPA Form 5700-54)
  6. Narrative Information Sheet, the Narrative, and all required attachments.



# Application Submission

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- ▶ A guide for filling out the forms is available on the EPA Brownfields website – see [FY2020 Sample Federal Forms](#).
- ▶ If you have any questions on the forms, please contact your EPA project officer or Dorrie Paar at [paar.dorrie@epa.gov](mailto:paar.dorrie@epa.gov).
- ▶ Fill out the forms as indicated by the prompts in the required fields.





# Application Submission

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## 1. SF424 - Application for Federal Assistance

- **Item 12:** Make sure you enter the correct Funding Opportunity Number & Title for the grant you are applying for.
  - ✓ EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05 for Assessment Grants
  - ✓ EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-06 for Revolving Loan Fund Grants
  - ✓ EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-10 for Cleanup Grants

The image shows a screenshot of the SF424 Application for Federal Assistance form. The form is titled "Application for Federal Assistance SF-424" and includes a "View Burden Statement" link. It contains several sections for applicant information, including "1. Type of Submission" (with checkboxes for Preapplication, Application, and Changed/Corrected Application), "2. Type of Application" (with checkboxes for New, Continuation, and Revision), "3. Date Received", "4. Applicant Identifier", "5a. Federal Entity Identifier", "5b. Federal Award Identifier", "6. Date Received by State", "7. State Application Identifier", "8. APPLICANT INFORMATION" (with fields for Legal Name, EIN/TIN, and DUNS number), and "9. State Use Only". The form also includes a "OMB Number: 4040-0004" and an "Expiration Date: 12/31/2019".



## 2. SF424A – Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs

- **Section A:** Enter the appropriate Grant Program Function or Activity in column (a).
  - ✓ **Cleanup** example is provided.
  - ✓ **RLF** is similar to Cleanup – Just replace “Cleanup” with “RLF”.
  - ✓ **Assessment** example:
    1. Brownfields Assessment Grants – Hazardous Substances
    2. Brownfields Assessment Grants – Petroleum



# Application Submission

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3. SF424B – Assurances - Non-Construction Programs
4. EPA Form 4700-4 – Preaward Compliance Review Report
5. EPA Form 5700-54 - EPA Key Contacts
6. Project Narrative File(s)
  - The Narrative Information Sheet
  - The Narrative
  - All required attachments
  - **If possible, combine into a single file for submission**



## ► EPA National Outreach Webinar

- Took place on October 24, 2019 at 2:00 pm ET.
- Check the [national brownfields page](#) for webinar presentation, recording and Q&A.

## ► National Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Webinar

- National TAB EZ Brownfields ARC Grant Guidelines overview was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 2:00 pm EST.
- Presentation and recording of this session is available on the [webinar webpage](#).



## ► Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

- New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) at [tab@njit.edu](mailto:tab@njit.edu) or 973-642-4165.
- NJIT TAB's free grant proposal critique services
  - ✓ Deadline for submitting your draft proposal to NJIT for review is **November 12, 2019**.
  - ✓ Send your 10 (or 12) page narrative to [tab@njit.edu](mailto:tab@njit.edu) in **Microsoft Word** format.



# Breakout Sessions

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- ▶ Two concurrent sessions:

1. Assessment
2. Cleanup



- ▶ Assessment & Cleanup will be covered in detail.

- ▶ For potential RLF Grant applicants, a webinar took place on November 5, 2019.