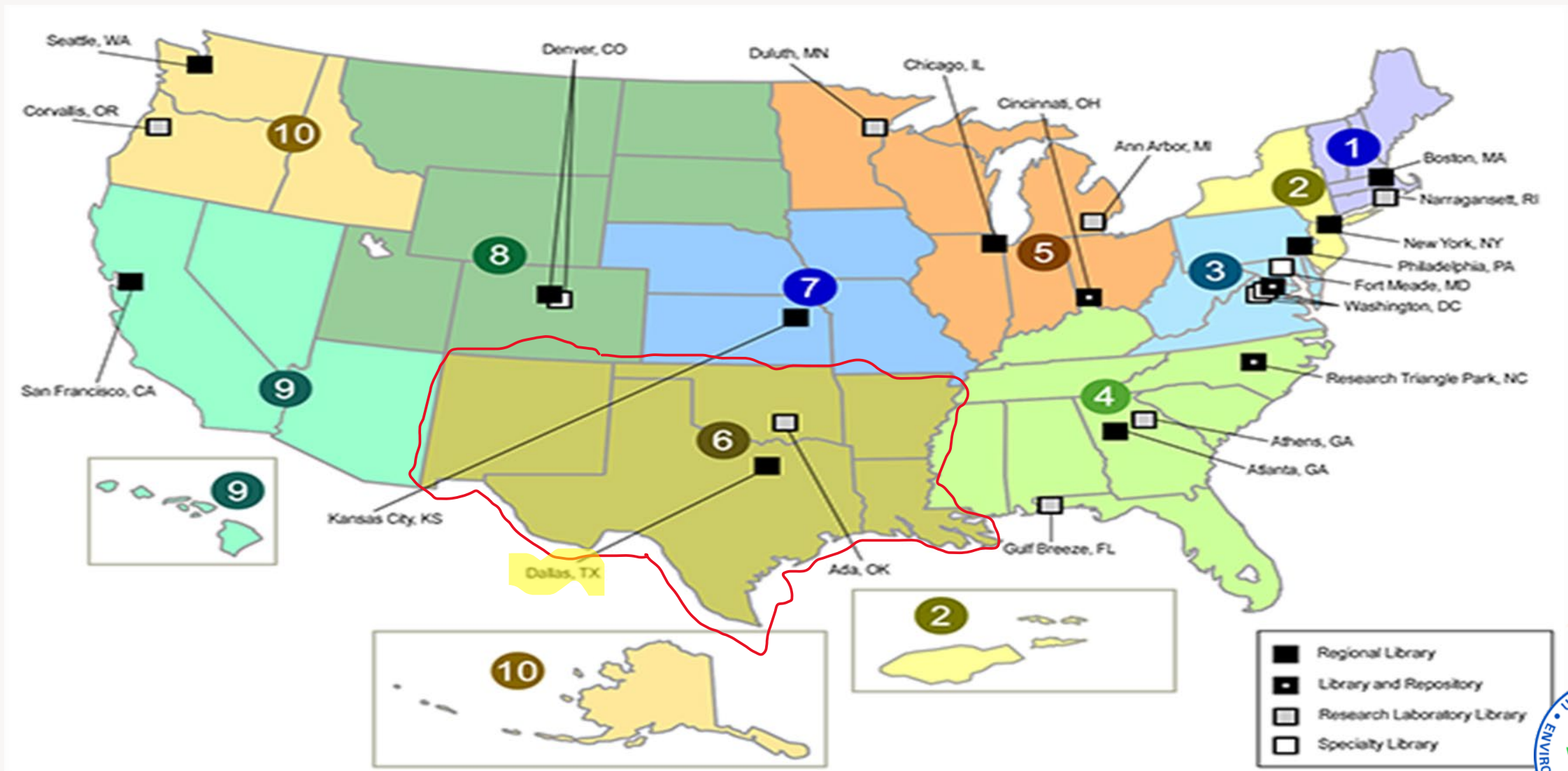


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## EPA Region 6

### Brownfields Program Overview

# US EPA Region 6 Location



# The EPA Brownfields Program is:

- Voluntary
- Collaborative

## Emphasizes:

- Partnerships
- Community Building
- Sustainability





Before



After

Bricktown Canal, Oklahoma



Before



After

Shreveport Convention Center, Louisiana



Before



After

Albuquerque High School, New Mexico

## What is a Brownfields?

A brownfield is a real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

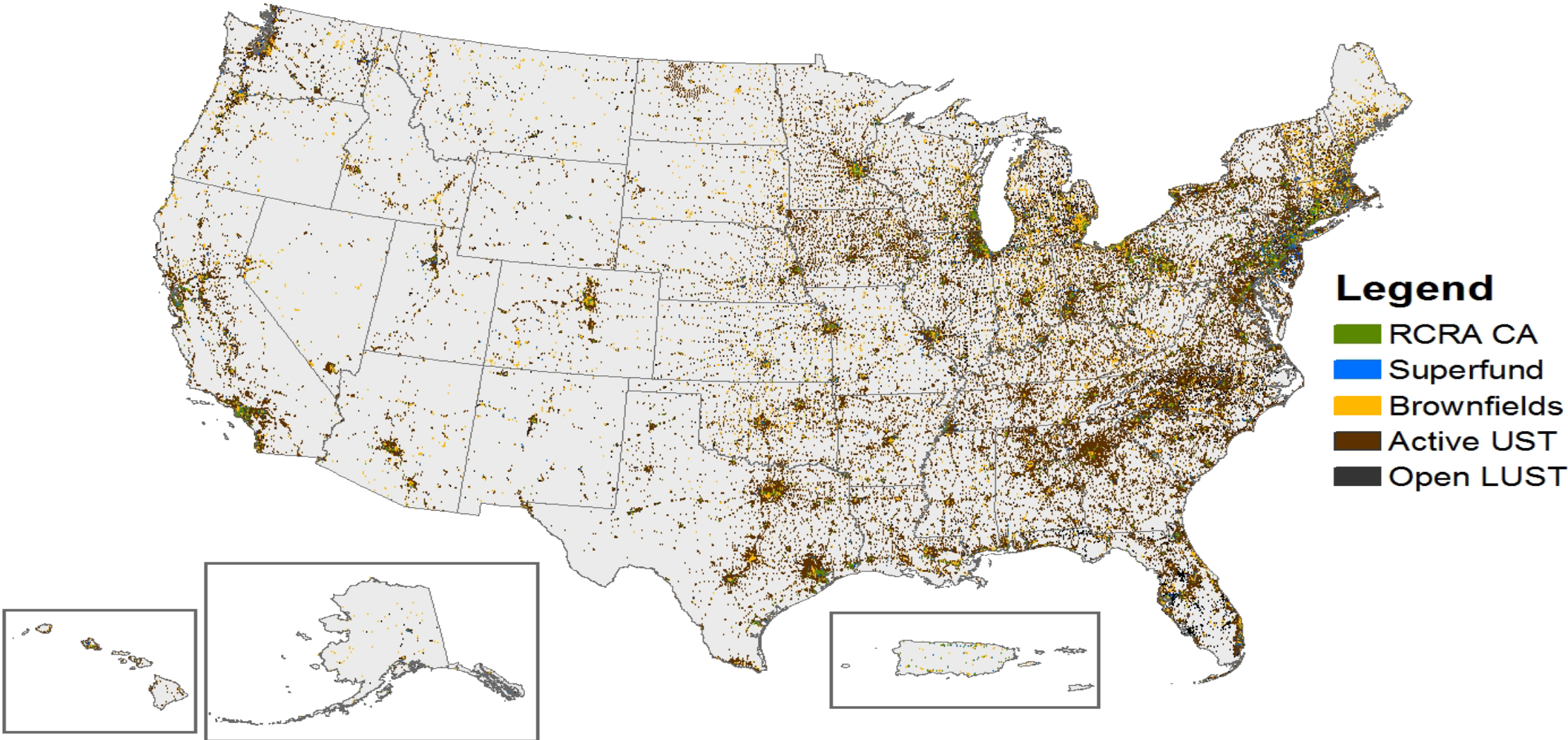
*Statutory definition found in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) §101 (39)*

## What is the purpose of the program?

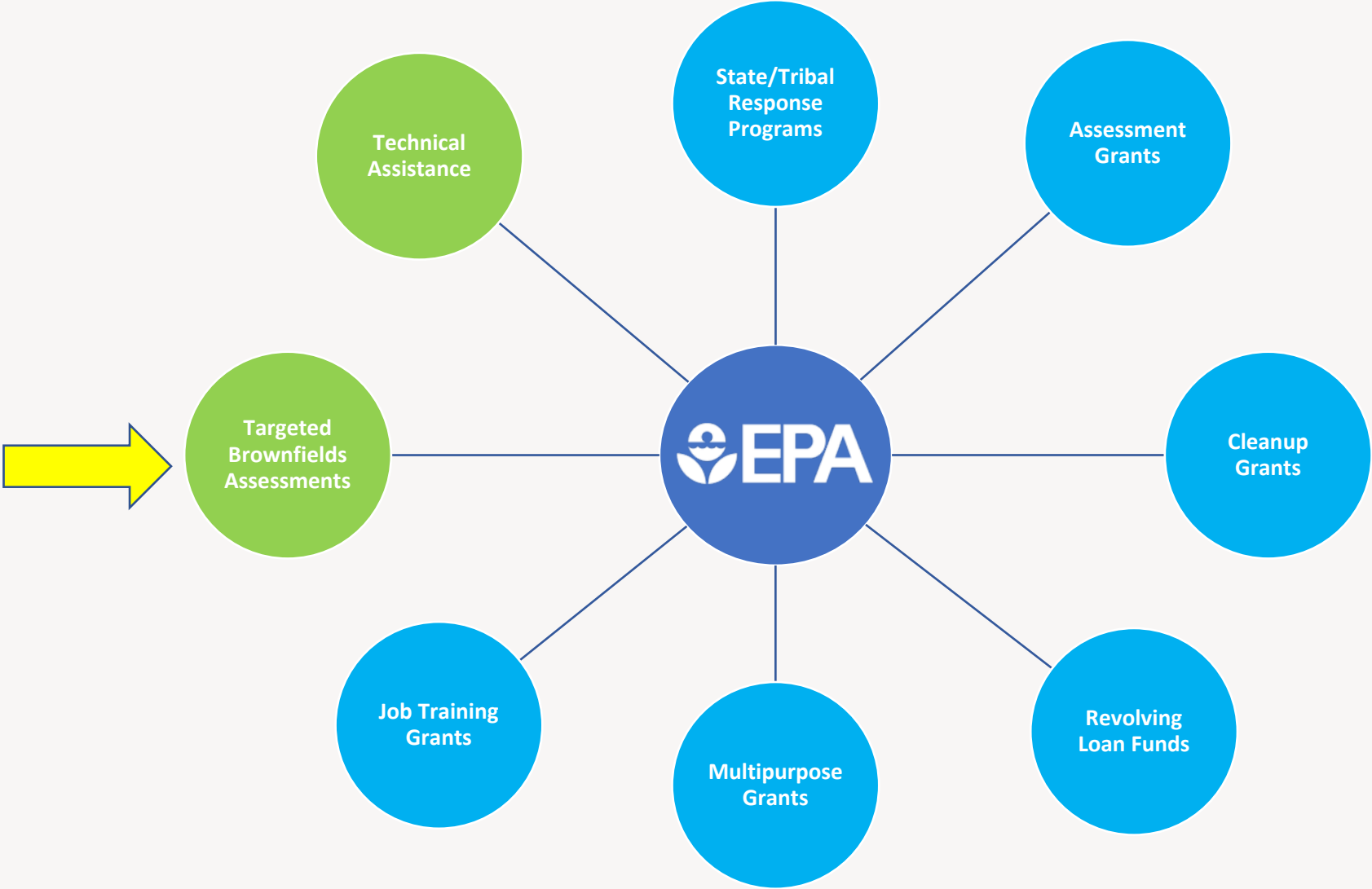
Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

# How big of a problem are brownfields, really?

2021 Update: Map shows contaminated or potentially contaminated properties that received EPA resources, as of the end of 2020 and 2015-2019 ACS Census Data

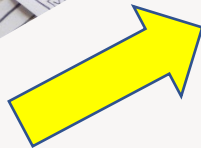


# How does the EPA Brownfields Program work?





# BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM TOOLS:



- **128(a) Grant:** Funds given to State and Tribal Nations to manage a brownfields program.
- **104(k) Grant:** Competitive grants awarded each year.
- **EPA TBA Service:** Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program is a non-competitive service for environmental assessments.
- **TAB Service:** Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) is a non-competitive service for brownfields projects.

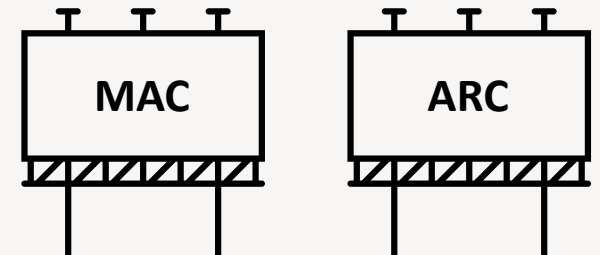
# Competitive Grant Services

*The competitive grant process is hosted once a year across all EPA Regions (not just Region 6). New guidelines are normally released around the September timeframe.*



## Competitive 104(k) Brownfields Grants are:

- ❖ Multi-Purpose (every other year)
- ❖ Assessment
- ❖ Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) (every other year)
- ❖ Cleanup
  
- ❖ Job Training (FY25 deadline Aug 15<sup>th</sup>)





# Anticipated FY25 Competition Timeline

**\*\*Dates are subject to change\*\***

	Timeframe	Milestone
E P A	June to July	EPA Updates the Proposal Guidelines
	August to September	The Guidelines Undergo Agency Review
	September	EPA Publishes the Proposal Guidelines
A P P L Y	Late September/Early October	National & Regional Guideline Outreach webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment Grants</li> <li>• Multipurpose/RLF/Cleanup</li> </ul>
	November	Application Submission Deadline – TBD
E P A	December to April	EPA Reviews Applications
	April/May	EPA Announcement of Selections

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applications-fy-2024-brownfields-multipurpose-assessment-and-cleanup-grant-competition>



# FY24 Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications

I AM APPLYING FOR	In FY24, can I also apply for...?					
	Multipurpose Grant	Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Community-wide Assessment Grant	Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Cleanup Grant
Multipurpose Grant	N/A	No	No	No	No	No
Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	No	N/A	No	No	No	Yes
Community-wide Assessment Grant	No	No	N/A	No	No	Yes
Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	No	No	No	N/A	No	Yes
Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
Cleanup Grant	No	Yes (Choose One Type)			No	N/A

# FY24 Eligibility Chart for Existing Grant Recipients

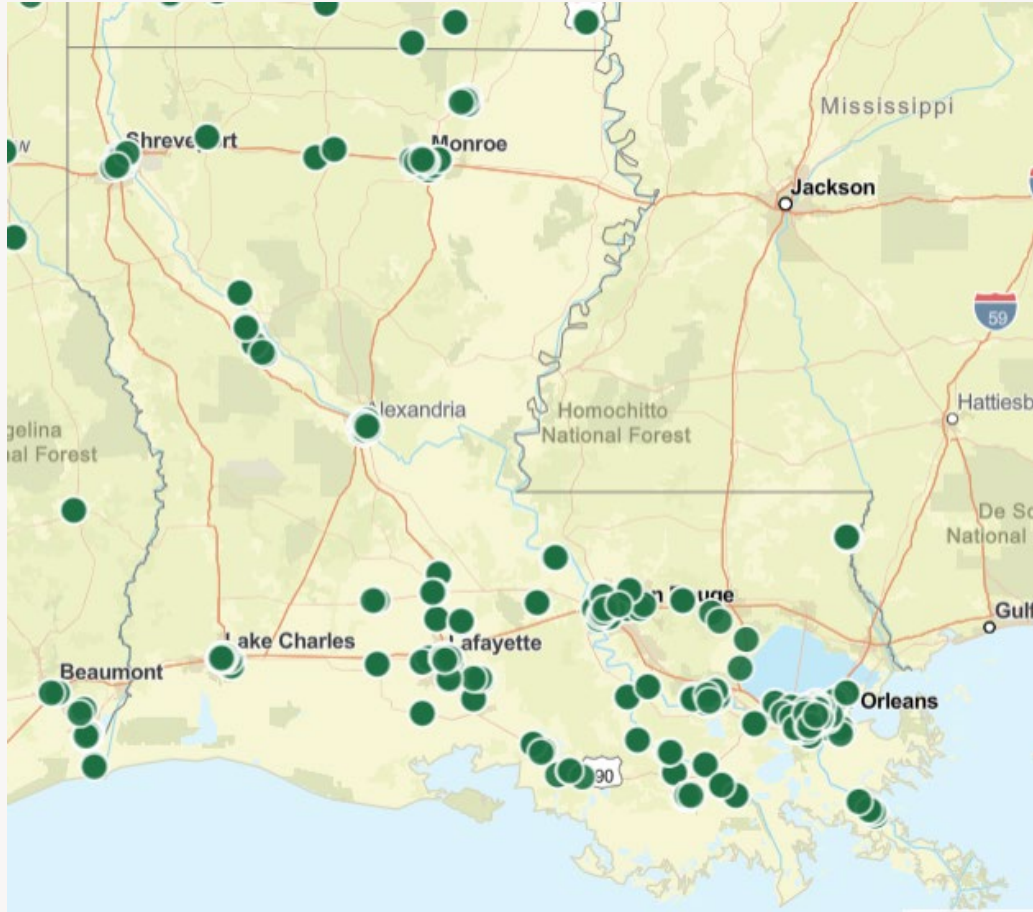
MY ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY HAS		In FY24, can I also apply for...?					
		Multipurpose Grant	Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Community-wide Assessment Grant	Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Cleanup Grant
Multipurpose Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Not eligible	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	
Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Not eligible	Must draw down 70% of each CWAGST Grant	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Yes	
Community-wide Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Not eligible	Yes	
Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Not eligible	Yes	
Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
RLF Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not eligible	Yes	
Non-Lead Member of an RLF Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cleanup Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not eligible	Yes	

Note: Applicants must also meet all threshold criteria outlined in Section III. of the RFA. If you plan to apply for more than one grant type, please refer to the FY24 MARC Grant Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications chart to determine which grant(s) are available to you.

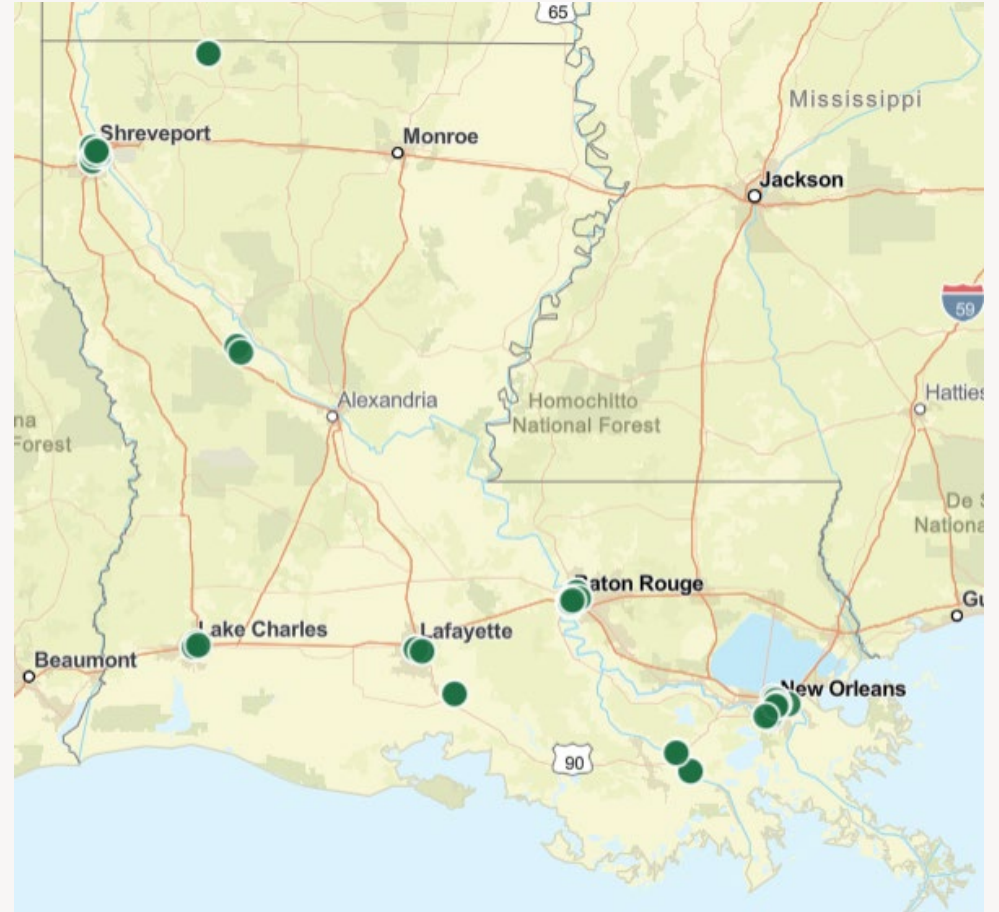
# Total Assessments vs Cleanups from 2006 to 2024



333



35



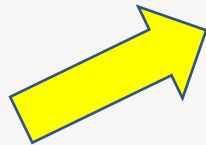
# Non-Competitive Services

*Requests for non-competitive services are made on a year-around basis.*



## **Non-Competitive Brownfields Services are:**

- ❖ Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)
- ❖ Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)





# TBA Services

Site assess  
agreement is  
needed.

Phase I  
Environmental  
Site Assessment  
(ESA)



Phase II ESA

Asbestos and/or  
Lead-based Paint  
Survey

States can also  
provide TBA  
services.

Phase III  
Cleanup  
Planning/ABCA

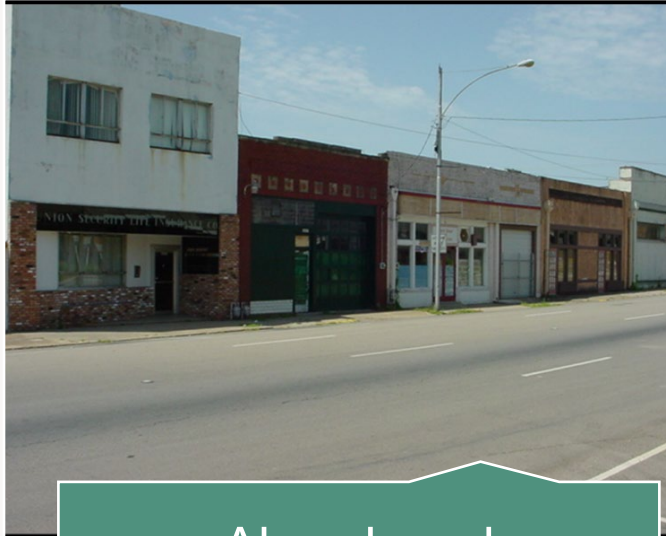
## Services **do not** include:

- Ø ***Demolition activities***
- Ø ***Cleanup/removals***

# #1 - Is the Potential Property Eligible?



Vacant Properties



Abandoned Commercial Properties



Former Service Stations



## Excluded Sites:

- Facilities listed/proposed on the National Priorities List;
- Facilities subject to CERCLA order or decree; and
- Facilities that are subject to the control of the federal government



## #2 - Is the Applicant Eligible?



## Not Eligible for Brownfield Funding:



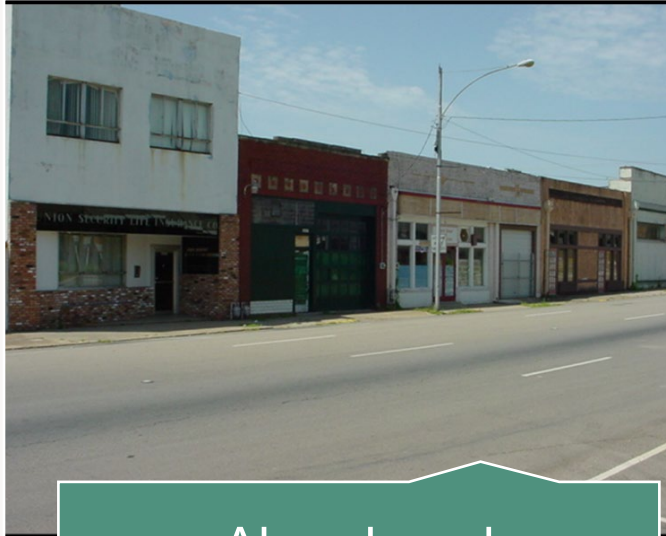


# Quiz



Vacant Properties

Property #1



Abandoned Commercial Properties

Property #2



Former Service Stations

Property #3



# TBA Application Page 1 – Applicant Information



EPA Region 6

EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment Application Form (Use only for sites in EPA Region 6)

Applicant Organization				
Organization:				
Applicant Name:				
Contact Address:				
City:		State:		Zip:
Phone:		E-mail Address:		

Current Site Ownership				
Owner Name:				
Owner Address:				
City:		State:		Zip:
Phone:		Fax:		Email:

Site Information				
Site Name:				
Site Address:				
City:		State:		Zip:
# Buildings on Site:		Approx Sq. Footage:		Condition (e.g. usable, razed, fire damaged, etc.):
Acreage:		Assessor's Parcel Number:		
Reuse Description, if known:				

For questions, please contact:  
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Email: [foster.althea@epa.gov](mailto:foster.althea@epa.gov)  
Phone: (214) 665-2268

The information provided above will be evaluated by EPA Region 6 to determine if the applicant and site meet the selection criteria for the TBA program. EPA will also evaluate whether funding is available to perform the requested assessment within the desired schedule.



# TBA Application Page 2 – Property Details

TBA Request for (example: Phase I, Phase II, or Asbestos/lead-based paint survey):	
Property access is required (consent agreement attached). Do you anticipate any problems with getting the attached agreement signed?	
What is the street address?	
What is the current status of the property (vacant, in use)?	
What is the size of the building(s) (and how many floors) on the property?	
What is the age of the building(s) and previous use?	
Provide a map, aerial photo, or other illustration (if available) that shows the outline of the property boundaries?	
Please provide a copy of any available Tax records (if available)	
What is the size of the lot or acreage?	
Were there any past environmental reports and/or response actions associated with the property?	
Are there any contamination concerns (including Asbestos and Lead Based paint)?	
Is there a critical deadline or suspense date for completing the assessment?	
Name of current owner and date purchased by current owner	
POC who can provide physical access to the property	
What is the proposed reuse/redevelopment of the property?	

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# TBA Application Page 3 - Access Agreement



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6  
1201 ELM STREET, SUITE 500  
DALLAS TEXAS 75270-2102

## CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent to officers, employees, authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and their contractors, subcontractors and consultants the right to enter the property and continued access and use of by, through, and on the property for the following purposes:

1. The taking of samples, surface and subsurface, including but not limited to soil, sediments, water, and air, and other solids or liquids stored or disposed of at the property as may be determined to be necessary;
2. The documenting of scientific and engineering observations, including, but not limited to taking notes, recordings, photographs and surveying;
3. The drilling and finishing of boreholes for the purposes of collecting soil and groundwater samples without limitation;
4. Other inquiry actions at the property as may be necessary to determine nature, extent and potential threat to human health and the environment; and

I am the property owner or an individual having the authority or the authorization of the property owner to sign this access agreement I give this written permission voluntarily with the full knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

Please indicate if you are granting access by signing this document, and providing your address and telephone number(s) so that you may be reached by mail or telephone.

ACCESS GRANTED:  YES  NO

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# EPA Region 6 Brownfields Website

- Includes information, contacts, and forms to apply for a TBA
- Facts on Technical Assistance and Grants Resources
- Information on State Cleanup Programs
- Success Stories

Link to EPA Info:



<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/r6>



# Attend the EPA Region 6 Brownfields Conference in Dallas, Texas July 23-25, 2024

Sneak peek at topics:

- Brownfields Eligibility and Liability
- Environmental Justice & Climate Change
- Procurement Requirements
- The Build America Buy America Act (BABA)



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