

October 23, 2019



Notes from the Environmental Workforce Professional Learning Community (PLC)—Cycle 21, Session 8.

This series of bi-weekly phone calls examines effective Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) strategies from experienced grantees. PLC calls share ideas among successful grantees and prepare interested organizations for the next EPA Request for Proposals. Calls will be a mix of open discussion, workforce development news, resources, and presentations from current grantees.

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1. NEWS FROM WASHINGTON AND HMTRI

FY20 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants

Congratulations to the new FY20 EWDJT grantees. EPA announced Thursday they awarded approximately \$5.1 million in Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) grants to 26 communities.

Here is the formal announcement from EPA.

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicants-selected-fy20-environmental-workforce-development-and-job-training-grants>

Awards have been made to the following organizations

- Alaska Forum Inc. (Anchorage, Alaska)
- Auberle (McKeesport, Pennsylvania)
- City of New Bedford (New Bedford, Massachusetts)
- City of Pittsburg (Pittsburg, California)
- City of Richmond (Richmond, California)
- City of Rochester (Rochester, New York)
- City of Springfield (Springfield, Missouri)
- Civic Works Inc. (Baltimore, Maryland)
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs (Denver, Colorado)
- Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa Inc. (Tampa, Florida)
- Cypress Mandela Training Center Inc. (Oakland, California)
- Earth Conservancy (Ashley, Pennsylvania)
- El Centro (Kansas City, Kansas)
- Full Employment Council (Kansas City, Missouri)
- Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

- Hunters Point Family (San Francisco, California)
- Lorain County Board of Commissioners (Elyria, Ohio)
- Lost Angeles Conservations Corps (Los Angeles, California)
- OAI Inc. (Chicago, Illinois)
- PathStone Corporation (Rochester, New York)
- Southern University at Shreveport (Shreveport, Louisiana)
- St. Louis Community College (Bridgeton, Missouri)
- The Fortune Society Inc. (Long Island City, New York)
- Training to Work an Industry Niche (Charlotte, North Carolina.)
- Workforce Inc. dba RecycleForce (Indianapolis, Indiana)
- Zender Environmental Health and Research Group (Anchorage, Alaska)

HMTRI News:

This year's All-Grantee meeting will be held the day before the 2019 National Brownfields Conference begins. All-Grantee meeting participants should expect a full day event, so please schedule a travel day on December 9th. Better yet, schedule flights to arrive early on the 9th allowing you to register for the National Conference on Monday. HMTRI will be covering hotel costs to attend the All-Grantee Meeting (two nights - Monday, and Tuesday) through a master contract we have set up with the Sheraton Grande Los Angeles. To avoid being charged for the 9th and 10th you must book your hotel per the instructions below. If you have already registered for a different hotel, please contact Nancy Schelhorn-Bennet at schelhornbennett@aol.com and asked to place in the HMTRI hotel block.

Tuesday Dec 10th - Annual All-Grantee Meeting

The Annual All-Grantee Meeting will begin Tuesday, December 10th, at 8:00 am to 3:30 pm before Regional gatherings beginning at 4:00 pm. This year we are planning a joint meeting with NIEHS worker training grantees to explore best practices and exchange ideas regarding workforce development and training. The schedule will consist of plenary and breakout morning sessions, a working lunch followed by additional afternoon networking, small and group discussions with NIEHS Career Worker Training Program grantees. All sessions will be informal, with participants encouraged to raise issues of concern and contribute to the discussion. If you have materials to share, please bring them with you for the meeting and to distribute at the HMTRI exhibition booth.

IMPORTANT

We need to get everyone signed up for the HMTRI hotel block ---- ASAP

If you have not booked your hotel, here are step-by-Step hotel reservation instructions. If you have booking issues or cannot get into the HMTRI block, please contact Heather. hkballou@eicc.edu.

Go to: <https://book.passkey.com/event/49917290/owner/2698962/home>

- In the drop down box, select "I have an access code", type in the code HMTRI, and click "Make A Reservation"
- Using the box on the upper right, select your Check In Date: Mon, Dec 9, 2019 and preferred check out date. Click the "Find" button.

This will take you to a page, where the Sheraton Grand Los Angeles should be the only

option. Click the “Select” button. (If another hotel pops up stop your booking and contact Heather Ballou)

- Confirm your Check In and Check Out Dates, and then click on “Next”
- On the following two pages, fill out your personal information and payment information as requested.

2. PLC QUESTIONS

We have learned our organization was just awarded a grant as part of the FY20 EWDJT funding cycle. Can we attend the All-Grantee Meeting and National Conference funded by the new grant?

After awards are made, grantees may be able to charge costs to the grant 90 days prior to final authorization to spend funds. However, you must work with your EPA Regional Coordinator to make the proper arrangements. (See section 8 for their contact information). To arrange hotel accommodations as part of our block and sign up for the All-Grantee meeting contact Heather Ballou at hkballou@eicc.edu.

Questions?

Still have unanswered questions during the evaluation phase of your EWDJT proposal? Respond to this email with inquiries or send them to:

hkballou@eicc.edu

3. THINGS FOR EVERYONE TO CONSIDER

This week 26 proposals were recommended for funding over the next three years as part of the FY20 grant cycle. We now have the following distribution of fifty-seven EWDJT grantees. Some are establishing new programs, many building on existing programs and others closing out or transitioning completed grants.

- 21 grantees funded in FY2020
- 5 new grantees funded in FY2020
- 18 grantees funded in FY2018
- 6 grantees funded in FY2017
- 7 grantees funded in FY2016

The task at hand is helping five new grantees with the challenges and issues faced by new programs. Additionally, as a group, the EWDJT community can assist each other by exchanging best practices and sharing critical issues necessary for program success. Finally, we can provide assistance to thirteen grantees who may be interested in maintaining and continuing programs they have worked so hard to establish. All fifty-seven grantees are participants in the Professional Learning Community (PLC) giving us an opportunity to exchange ideas and establish best practices to address critical issues faced by EWDJT programs.

Congratulations to the 26 programs recommended to receive EPA funding, especially five new organizations and one last funded in 2008. It should be kept in mind that funding based on RFPs and objective evaluation criteria attempts to select the best written proposals. Many excellent and deserving programs may be overlooked using this process. Failing to receive an award is not necessarily a reflection on the effectiveness or quality of a program but rather a reflection on the response to evaluation criteria in relation to other proposals submitted. For this reason, we strongly suggest those not considered for funding this cycle continue their efforts in establishing an EWDJT program in their community. We encourage those interested in starting a program in their community to continue

participating in All-Grantee Meetings, tuning into the PLC, and attending Brownfield workshops and local events.

Funded – now what?

Remember... Successful proposals have only been recommended for funding and funds are not yet available to spend.

Before the formal award is made and drawdowns made, several important milestones must be completed:

- Terms and Conditions with approved work plans should be the primary focus during the months ahead.
- It's time to spread the good news and alert management of the tasks ahead.
- Time to pull out the grant, reviewing commitments and deliverables made in the proposal.
- Regional Coordinators will contact and send a package or templet with all the information the EPA grants office needs to process the grant.
- This is the time to refine budgets and work plan with revisions if necessary.
- After the award letter has been received, the principal grant recipient must acknowledge acceptance of the terms and conditions. In the case of governmental organizations, acceptance may need approval by City Council. Community colleges, nonprofit and tribes may need approval from the Board of Directors, Tribal Council or Director. Don't assume these approvals will be automatic.
- After contacting the Regional Coordinator, it is wise to set up a meeting with partners and stakeholders with an active role in the program.
- After grant processing has been completed and payment accounts established, grantees will receive authorization spend funds.
- Note: under special circumstances (such as attending Brownfields 2019 and the All-Grantee Meeting) Regional Coordinators may allow expenditure of funds up to 90 days prior to final authorization. It is important to work with the Regional Coordinator on this matter.

FY20 EWDJT timeline

The timeline for each grant will depend on the official award date and authorization to spend funds. A hypothetical schedule might look like the time line presented below. The FY20 EWDJT grant cycle extends from the official start date for three years. The first two years should focus on program development and delivery with a final year for additional training, placement, tracking and program sustainability.

Late October-November

- Proposals recommended for funding – October 24th
- Award letter and acceptance by applicant

November- December 2019

- Work plans reviewed and approved
- Terms and Conditions finalized
- Grant accepted by submitting organization
- Funding authorized
- Official notice that funds are available for spending
- Program planning and preparation for the first cohort under the new grant
- Post award meetings with Advisory Board, partners, instructors and community stakeholders
- All-Grantee Meeting - December 10th

- National Brownfields Conference – December 11-13th

January-March 2020

- Community awareness, program development and marketing continues
- Quarterly and ACRES reporting due every quarter
- Leveraged services for program participants confirmed
- Recruitment and student assessment for initial training cohorts
- Training begins

April – July 2020

- Community awareness, recruitment and student assessment continues
- First cohort graduation and placement in “full swing”
- Quarterly and ACRES reporting due every quarter
- Training continues, curriculum review based on student feedback and assessments

July 2020 – November 2021

- Placement, Community awareness, recruitment and student assessment continues
- Training continues, revisions to curriculum if necessary
- Annual All-Grantee Meetings with idea exchange, leveraging and placement opportunities
- Anticipation and preparation for the next EWDJT funding cycle
- Search for additional support and backstop funding for program sustainability

November 2021 – November 2022

- Last year of the grant, training “windup” - placement, tracking
- Continued search for Federal and local funding for program expansion

A word to existing programs not funded this year

If your proposal was not accepted for funding, contact your Regional Job Training Coordinator and ask for a review of your application. Your request should be made within 14 days of notification that the proposal was not recommended for funding.

Each year, awards are made on the quality and comprehensiveness of the program as described in the proposal. It is unfortunate that reviewers are not able to visit applicant programs and that funding decisions need to be based on objective reviews of program applications. With limited funds, it is also unfortunate that it is not possible for EPA to fund every successful program. A debriefing with EPA Regional Coordinators can be an excellent learning experience comparing the submitted proposal with these recommended for funding. Regional Coordinators will encourage applicants to continue their efforts establishing a local EWDJT program with prospects for future funding.

We often refer to EWDJT programs that reapply for continued funding as “reups”. Since the number of awards each year is limited by available funds, “reups” must compete, not only with each other, but with new first time and reapplying applicants. The FY20 budget allowed for 26 awards with 42 existing grants eligible to reapply in addition to numerous other organizations interested in obtaining an EWDJT grant and previously unfunded applications joining the competition. In short, competition was steep leaving many good programs unfunded in FY20. This does not mean there were substandard or underperforming programs. It indicates that proposal submissions were not evaluated as high as the 26 funded applications.

For those established programs not funded this year, we would suggest the following:

- Work to keep the idea of establishing a local EWDJT program alive.
- Seek non EPA funds and support.
- Stay in the PLC, attend future HMTRI events. (You are invited).
- Brief your stakeholders that programs may be successful and worthy of assistance, unfortunately awards are limited and competitively based on proposals as submitted,
- Often unfunded proposals are simply the result of omissions or incomplete answers to ranking criteria questions.
- With increased competition, programs must “up their game”, demonstrating a significant expansion of previous proposals.
- Experienced programs have a good base on which to expand their current program plans and proposals.
- Many programs have “missed” a cycle (as in the case of New Bedford), only to come back strong with a new program and comprehensive proposal.
- Keep your team together.

First time applicants – not funded this cycle

In the past, generally 25% to 35% of proposals have been recommended for funding. Many of the applicants have been developing their programs for years and have extensive prior experience. New programs need at least six months to a year establishing networks, partnerships and leveraged resources integral for successful environmental workforce programs. For this reason, applications are often not funded their first cycle but return with great proposals after spending the time and effort necessary to develop a support and partnership network. The following observations have been made by grantees not funded on their first submission:

- Don't give up.- Seek local demonstration and planning grants.
- Take advantage of available technical assistance and mentoring opportunities free of charge.
- **Important:** Contact the EPA Regional Coordinator as soon as possible for a proposal debriefing.
- Reexamine your partnerships, community outreach and target community.
- Do not attempt to resubmit the same proposal during the next competition. – It must be expanded.

Takeaways for all applicants not selected for funding

- Inform your partners, supporters and stakeholders you intend on resubmitting an expanded proposal for consideration in the next funding cycle.
- It is important that you request a formal review of your proposal within 14 days of the notification letter. EPA Regional Coordinators will review your proposal, reader comments and provide guidance on how your proposal can be improved.
- Take advantage of technical assistance and mentoring opportunities available to organizations interested in establishing an Environmental Workforce Development and job Training program. Many resources are available to interested organizations including the Annual All-Grantee Meeting, listserv, website, Professional Learning Community and individualized technical assistance provided by HMTRI.
- Begin NOW. Local funds may be available to establish a network of community organizations, partners, employers and leveraged resources to properly develop or expand a local EWDJT program.

4. WEBINARS AND PRESENTATION POWERPOINTS

[Real Estate \(RE\) Development Academy for Communities](#)

EPA's Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization

November 8, 2019

1-3pm ET

Plan to join EPA's RE-Development Academy for Communities, a three-part FREE webinar series where you will learn the process for redeveloping a contaminated site through the eyes of a property developer.

Audience: Community members (including local, regional and tribal government representatives, economic development and environmental protection departments, community nonprofits, brownfield redevelopment agencies and land banks, & other local stakeholders), technical assistance providers, state and tribal staff, others.

Purpose: Increase your understanding of the real estate redevelopment process through the eyes of a developer! Learn about:

- Factors that motivate or discourage development of contaminated properties
- How & when developers make decisions
- Special issues to consider (compatibility of site cleanup & reuse, contaminant type & location, institutional or engineering controls, etc.)
- Pre & post redevelopment activities, determining cost & return on investment

To Register:

[October 18 Webinar: Peering into the Crystal Ball: How the Market Decides Future Use!](#)

[November 8 Webinar: Pulling Back the Curtain: How Developers Make Money!](#)

[NIEHS Presentations available](#)

Workplace Stress and Addiction Workshop

The presentations are available from the Exploring Workplace Training Interventions Addressing Workplace Stress and Addiction Workshop and the NIEHS WTP Awardee Meeting, which took place on May 14-16 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. WTP Awardee United Steelworkers Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety and Environmental Education hosted the workshop. The meeting brought awardees together to provide program updates, exchange information regarding training, and discover new areas of interest to awardees.

[Urban Redevelopment: Building Stronger Communities](#)

November 7, 2019

Brooklyn, NY

CCLR is back in Brooklyn convening regional players tackling the reuse of abandoned and distressed properties for stronger communities. This conference will spotlight community voices, non-traditional financing options, brownfield redevelopment along waterways, and report outs from City and State agencies. The current information and contacts you'll gain will position you ahead of the curve in a rapidly evolving regulatory and program landscape.

5. FYI – PREPARING FOR BROWNFIELDS 2019

[Check out the National Brownfields Conference Schedule](#)

Featuring +100 educational sessions offered in a variety of formats, this year's Brownfields will give you the tools to hone your expertise and prep yourself with the most cutting-edge tools in the brownfields industry. Choose from our 9 session formats, and 8 conference tracks to customize your very own Brownfields experience.

National Brownfields Leadership Breakfast

December 11, 2019 7:00AM - 8:45AM

Room 502B, LA Convention Center

CCLR is excited to announce that this year's National Brownfields Leadership Breakfast will feature brownfield developers NorthPoint Development and Real Estate Recovery Capital. Their insights can make the difference for your next project.

Have a complex brownfield in need of investment? Make up a marketing sheet and bring that brownfield to breakfast! Our speakers are always in the market for leads on promising sites. Questions? email jean.hamerman@cclr.org.

The Leadership Breakfast will also include awards to recognize our colleagues for excellence in public service, thought leadership, and redevelopment, as well as a federal policy update.

Following on 2017, we will present awards in these categories:

Lifetime Achievement: Excellence in Thought Leadership

Lifetime Achievement: Excellence in Redevelopment

Lifetime Achievement: Excellence in Local Public Service

Come celebrate and congratulate our awardees. *Stay tuned for the big reveal of who they are.*

Join our generous sponsors and start Brownfields2019 off right. Tickets for this much anticipated event are limited, grab yours today!

CCLR Brownfields Networking Happy Hour and Sing-Along

December 11, 2019 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Mikeller DTLA

Join CCLR's Brownfields Networking Happy Hour and Sing-Along at the National Brownfields Conference! Space is limited, and tickets will go fast -- grab one for you and a friend, because thanks to our generous sponsors, this is the best Happy Hour deal you'll find in LA!

Open bar featuring craft beer and wine

Hors d'oeuvres

Networking

The best brownfields tunes you'll ever hear

Come for the networking, stay for the music, and make your enthusiasm for brownfield redevelopment heard!

Register for Mobile Workshops!

Brownfields 2019 offers several exciting opportunities to view local redevelopment sites in Los Angeles through the featured mobile workshops.

6. BROWNFIELD CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND MEETINGS

2019 Southeast Brownfields Conference

October 27-30, 2019

DoubleTree Universal Orlando

Orlando, Florida

As the region's premiere brownfields conference, this is your opportunity to learn more about local brownfields redevelopment programs. The event will comprise presentations on managing redevelopment initiatives, obtaining project funding, successes and lessons learned, and more. Build

your network of colleagues and peers. Learn from others and share your ideas. Make plans to join us for another great event. Abstracts will be accepted until June 14, 2019. Please submit all abstracts to FBASE2019@terracon.com. NJIT will be in attendance and available to any community looking to get FREE one-on-one technical assistance!

[Urban Redevelopment: Building Stronger Communities](#)

November 7, 2019

Brooklyn, NY

This event will build on the understanding that cities are best molded through redevelopment that benefits all. Community leaders will share what they have learned through their redevelopment projects, explain how the beneficial reuse of properties can support social justice, economic growth, climate resilience, and stronger communities. Leading experts will discuss topics including the recently enacted historic Climate bill, urban waterway development, and tailor-made strategies for financing your redevelopment project.

[National Conference on Worker Safety and Health](#)

December 3-5, 2019

Baltimore, MD

The National Conference on Worker Safety and Health (#COSHCON19) brings together a diverse, inclusive and bilingual group of participants of workers, occupational health and safety experts, unions, activists and academics united around common goals. The conference aims to empower workers, make workplaces safer and reduce the toll of on-the-job injuries, illnesses and fatalities. The conference will take place December 3-5, 2019 in Baltimore, MD.

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December 11-13, 2019

Los Angeles, CA

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[National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program](#)

April 22-25, 2020

Hilton Washington DC National Mall

District of Columbia

Leaders from various sectors will engage in 3 plus days of free exchange of new ideas and new approaches to building healthy communities. These general and interactive training sessions will feature voices of experience, research, discussions, and thought-provoking dialogue. The program format will feature needs and challenges of communities, governments, municipalities, tribes, faith-based organizations, and others with interests in environmental justice and health disparities and how addressing them together can build health communities. This joint conference will highlight programs and collaborations that work, as well as initiatives that will not prove successful. Program speakers will feature representatives from Federal and state agencies, local governments, tribes, community groups, business and industry, public interest groups, academia, and other entities. This interactive forum will give conference participants the opportunity to network with a variety of interests from diverse quarters. All conference participants will realize informative and productive resources that can support their individual program goals and objectives. Conference participants will also see examples of

approaches that produce positive results through innovation and collaboration. All in all, the conference will prove beneficial and informative to participants.

7. FUNDING AND LEVERAGING OPPORTUNITIES

[Guide to Finding Federal Assistance and Resources for Environmental Justice Efforts](#)

This EPA guide offers general guidance and tips on searching for funding opportunities, as well as information on tools, trainings and other relevant resources that are available to help address community needs. The Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) includes several federal agencies and White House offices that increase local community capacity to promote and implement innovative and comprehensive solutions to environmental justice issues.

[Eileen Fisher -SUPPORTING WOMEN IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE](#)

“We believe that a future with inclusive, equitable and sustainable systems for all people depends on deepening the connection between women’s rights and environmental justice. After extensive research, we have designed a grant program to address the fact that, globally, women and girls are the most vulnerable to climate change and hold the firsthand experience to solve it. Linking these two issues not only feels like a natural next step for our company, it is essential to accelerate progress towards improving the status and rights of women and the health of our planet.

Beginning in 2019, we will award \$200,000 annually in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000. Applicants must align with one or more of these key points:

1. Increasing women’s participation in decision-making. Nonprofits and applicable programs are not required to have an explicit environmental focus, but they must be able to demonstrate how their program creates positive environmental outcomes.
2. Training women and girls in climate change adaptation, mitigation and advocacy. Nonprofits and applicable programs must provide women and girls with knowledge, tools and access to contribute to climate change resiliency and/or advocate for improved climate change policies.
3. Engaging women in the sustainable economy. Nonprofits and applicable programs must create opportunities for women to pursue livelihoods that elevate them as leaders in environmental solutions while improving their well-being and that of the planet.

Eligibility

Organizations must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- Be an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization*
- Provide direct services
- Address one or more of the above key points
- Program’s mission focuses primarily on individuals who identify as female
- Executive leadership reflects the demographics of the program’s beneficiaries
- Program has been generated by and/or co-designed with the communities it serves
- Able to provide financial statements for one full year of operations
- Able to complete an application and participate in an interview in English

*While organizations must be IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofits, there is no geographic restriction on the programs for which they are applying.

[Research to build resilience in vulnerable communities.](#)

Applications deadline: September 26, 2019.

The [funded research activities under this announcement](#) are intended to build better resilience in vulnerable communities against issues such as chemical contaminants, natural disasters and changing environmental conditions.

[National Trust Preservation Funds](#)

Deadline: October 1

Grants from National Trust Preservation Funds (NTPF) are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector.

[EPA FY 2020 Brownfields Cleanup, Assessment and Revolving Loan Fund grants Grant Competition](#)

Application submission deadline December 3rd.

We encourage current and prospective EWDJT grantees to coordinate with assessment and cleanup grantees as they work with the same communities and stakeholders as workforce development grantees. Guidelines for the new round of Brownfields Cleanup, Assessment and Revolving Loan Fund grants is posted on EPA's website. Applicants that were selected for an FY19 Multipurpose Grant may not apply for an FY20. EPA will provide one outreach webinar to discuss the FY 2020 Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup Grant guidelines on October 24, 2019 at 2pm (ET). Join the webinar through EPA Web Conferencing and/or via conference call (dial-in number: 1-866-299-3188/ access code: 202-566-1817). Assessment or Cleanup Grant. The RLF Grant guidelines have been restructured to align with Assessment/Cleanup Grant guideline format. The FY20 Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines are now available:

[Assessment Guidelines](#)

[Cleanup Guidelines](#)

[Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines](#)

Technical assistance resources for workforce development

The best place to search for sustaining partners and benefactors includes local government offices, nonprofit and community organizations, corporate and family foundations. Many local government programs are supported by Federal or State block grants to be administered locally. Here are a few national organizations to "check out" that support local efforts providing life skills training, remedial education and student services.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), <https://www.hhs.gov/>

DHHS Office of Child Care (OCC), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/parents>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/programs/tanf>

DOL Employment and Training Administration (ETA), <https://www.doleta.gov/>

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), <https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/>

Institute for Urban and Minority Education, <http://iume.tc.columbia.edu/>

About MyMoney, <https://www.mymoney.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Financial Literacy and Education Commission, <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/financial-education/Pages/activities.aspx>

U.S. Federal Reserve, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration* has announced a [funding opportunity to build environmental literacy of K-12 students and the public](#) so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience. NOAA has identified \$.5 million for investment, projecting a total of 8 awards.

For both priorities of this funding opportunity, eligible applicants are limited to institutions of higher education; K-12 public and independent schools and school systems; other nonprofits, including community-based organizations and informal education institutions, such as museums, zoos, and aquariums; state and local government agencies; and Indian tribal governments in the United States. For-profit organizations, foreign institutions, and individuals are not eligible to apply; however, for-profit organizations, foreign institutions, and individuals may participate as project partners. Likewise, federal agencies are not eligible to receive federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners

Projects should build the collective environmental literacy necessary for communities to become more resilient to the extreme weather and other environmental hazards they face in the short- and long-term. Building sufficient environmental literacy in a community means that these communities are composed of individuals who are supported by formal and informal education that develop their knowledge, skills, and confidence to: (1) reason about the ways that human and natural systems interact globally and where they live, including the acknowledgement of disproportionately distributed vulnerabilities; (2) participate in scientific and/or civic processes; and (3) consider scientific uncertainty, cultural knowledge, and diverse community values in decision making.

Projects should demonstrate how they will engage community members to build these capabilities, particularly through active learning, during the award period. Projects should leverage and incorporate relevant state and local hazard mitigation and/or adaptation plans and collaborate with individuals and institutions that are involved in efforts to develop or implement those plans.

Projects may focus on a single location or multiple locations and a single type of environmental hazard or a range of hazards that impact a community or communities. Projects will be based on the established scientific evidence about current and future extreme weather and other environmental hazards facing communities and should consider relevant socioeconomic and ecological factors in the targeted location(s). Particular attention should be paid to populations within communities that have greater exposure and have fewer resources to deal with the impacts of extreme weather and/or environmental hazards that are the focus of the project. Projects must relate to NOAA's mission in at least one of the following areas: ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, weather, and climate sciences and stewardship. They must also utilize NOAA's scientific data, data access tools, data visualizations, and/or other physical and intellectual assets available on these topics. In order to facilitate the use of NOAA's assets, projects are strongly encouraged to partner with relevant NOAA entities (offices, programs, etc.) and/or NOAA employees and affiliates. Also, projects should consider integrating citizen science tools when appropriate.

Priority 1 awards will support new projects located in Southern and Western Regions of the United States. The Southern Region includes the following states and territories: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Texas, and the United States Virgin Islands. The Western Region includes the following states and territories: Alaska, American

Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Priority 2 awards will support the evolution of projects funded under the 2015-2016 funding opportunities from this program (NOAA-SEC-OED-2015-2004408 and NOAA-SEC-OED-2016-2004737). The full list of awards that support or supported eligible projects can be found here: <https://go.usa.gov/xVGzr>. Projects for this priority must be implemented within the United States and its territories.

For Priority 1, projects must be between 2 and 5 years in duration and the total federal amount requested from NOAA for each project must be no less than \$250,000 and no more than \$500,000 for all years of the project, including direct and indirect costs.

For Priority 2, projects must be between 2 and 5 years in duration and the total federal amount requested from NOAA for each project must be no less than \$100,000 and no more than \$500,000 for all years of the project, including direct and indirect costs.

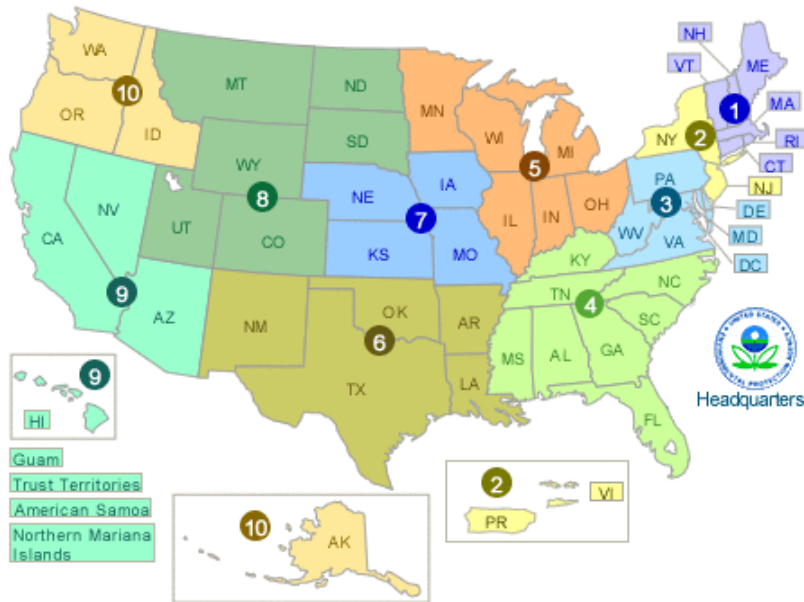
It is anticipated that awards funded under this announcement and selected this fiscal year will be made by September 30, 2020 and that the projects funded under this announcement in fiscal year 2020 will have a start date no earlier than October 1, 2020.

8. EPA REGIONAL JOB TRAINING COORDINATORS

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9. JOIN US ON FUTURE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CALLS

Mark your calendar for future Cycle 21 PLC calls.

- November 6
- November 20

Join our 30-minute discussion with EPA EWDJT grantees, alumni and new interested stakeholders. PLCs give grantees a chance to highlight their programs and an opportunity for others to learn from their experience. For questions or to be placed on the PLC register, send your contact information to hkballou@eicc.edu.

Visit our [HMTRI Brownfields Toolbox](#) website for more information on Brownfields Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs. All [PLC session notes and recordings](#) are also located on the website. For those interested in providing content or suggestions, please contact Heather Ballou at hkballou@eicc.edu.

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