



Brownfields 2021 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet **Santa Fe Community College, Northwestern New Mexico**

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is 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. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed residents from communities affected by environmental pollution, economic disinvestment, and brownfields and place them in environmental jobs. Since the program was created in 1998, EPA has funded 335 job training grants totaling over \$72 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. A total of 18,541 individuals have been trained and 13,751 individuals have been placed in full-time careers related to land remediation and environmental health and safety. The average starting wage for these jobs is more than \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 74%.

Job Training Grant

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected Santa Fe Community College for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. Santa Fe Community College plans to train 58 students and place at least 47 in environmental jobs. The training program includes 172 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, OSHA 30-hour Construction Standards, RCRA Hazardous Waste Management, Solid Waste Management, CPR/First Aid, Phase I and II Environmental Assessments, Forklift Operation, Environmental Sampling, Confined Space Entry and Non-Entry Rescue, and DOT Hazmat. Students who complete the training will earn up to five state and four federal certifications. Santa Fe Community College is targeting low-income and unemployed individuals, with a focus on veterans, Native Americans, and disconnected youth from Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties and Pueblos served by the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, which include Ohkay Owingeh, Nambé, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Taos, and Tesuque pueblos. Key partners include the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos Technical Associates, Newport News Nuclear BWXT Los Alamos (N3B), the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, the Associated General Contractors of New Mexico, HELP New Mexico, YouthWorks, the New Mexico Groundwater Quality Bureau, the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, the Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board, and Northern New Mexico College.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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