



Brownfields 2014 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet Los Angeles Conservation Corps, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

In 2010, the EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) led an effort to more closely collaborate with other programs within the Agency on workforce development and job training. Program offices now participating in the expanded initiative include the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI), Center for Program Analysis (CPA), Innovation, Partnerships, and Communication Office (IPCO), Office of Wastewater Management (OWM), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). This initiative was created to develop a job training cooperative agreement opportunity that includes expanded training in other environmental media outside the traditional scope of brownfields hazardous waste assessment and cleanup. As a result of this effort, the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program now allows applicants to deliver a broader array of training in the environmental field, in addition to the traditional brownfields hazardous waste and petroleum training historically provided. Through the expanded Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program, graduates develop wider skill sets that improve their ability to secure full-time, sustainable employment in various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management and within the larger environmental field, including water quality improvement and chemical safety. This effort also gives communities more flexibility to provide different types of environmental training based on local employers' hiring needs.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place predominantly low-income and minority, unemployed and underemployed residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities. To date, EPA has funded 237 job training grants totaling over \$48 million through the former Brownfields Job Training program and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of April 2014, approximately 12,800 individuals have completed training, and of those, approximately 9,100 have obtained employment in the environmental field, with an average starting hourly wage of \$14.00. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 71% since the program was created in 1998.

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\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. LACC plans to train 60 students, place 48 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for one year. The training program includes 161 hours of core instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, lead and asbestos abatement, 10-hour CAL OSHA site worker safety, stormwater management, health and safety, and Building Performance Institute basic building science. LACC and its partners are leveraging an additional 99 hours of life skills training, CPR/first aid, and job search instruction. Participants who complete the core training will earn four state or federal certifications. LACC is targeting unemployed and underemployed residents of South Los Angeles, including the long-term unemployed, homeless individuals, veterans, and ex-offenders. Key partners include the City of Los Angeles Brownfields Program, North San Fernando Valley WorkSource Centers, SHIELDS for Families, Joint Apprenticeship Trust (Local 5), Los Angeles Trade and Technical College, Compton Creek Task Force, and a number of community-based organizations and environmental employers.

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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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