

Biden Administration Awards \$254 Million to Tackle Brownfields Sites

The Biden Administration through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded \$254 million in Brownfields grants to 265 communities. The grants are supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides funding for Brownfields projects to spur economic revitalization, and create jobs by cleaning up contaminated, polluted, or hazardous brownfield properties. NDA helped secure this funding through its lobbying efforts during the infrastructure negotiations last year.

Brownfield projects can range from cleaning up buildings with asbestos or lead contamination, to assessing and cleaning up abandoned properties that once managed dangerous chemicals. Once cleaned up, former brownfield properties can be redeveloped into productive uses such as grocery stores, affordable housing, health centers, museums, parks, and solar farms.

The funding announced by the EPA includes:

- \$112.8 million for 183 selectees for Assessment Grants, which will provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach.
- \$18.2 million for 36 selectees for Cleanup Grants, which will provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the recipient.
- \$16.3 million for 17 selectees for Revolving Loan Fund grants that will provide funding for recipients to offer loans and subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites.
- \$107 million for 39 high-performing Revolving Loan Fund Grant recipients to help communities continue their work to carry out cleanup and redevelopment projects on contaminated brownfield properties. Supplemental funding for Revolving Loan Fund Grants is available to recipients that have depleted their funds and have viable cleanup projects ready for work.

A list of selected applicants can be found [here](#) and [here](#).