



Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM)

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Since 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition (comprised of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions) \$3.3 million in federal Brownfield Assessment Grant funding. The DNR’s Remediation & Redevelopment (RR) Program administers the grant on behalf of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition. Grants are awarded as contractor services to aid local governments and other eligible applicants to investigate environmental contamination at closed or closing industrial or manufacturing plants and other brownfield sites throughout the state.

Contractor Services Awards

WAM environmental contractor services awards fund Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments and/or limited NR 716 Site Investigations. The DNR contracts directly with previously selected consultants to complete the work under the DNR’s oversight. Applicants must ensure that the current owner of the property has signed a site access permission agreement authorizing the DNR and its contractors access to the property to perform the requested services.

Total available funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value of award is up to \$35,000 in contractor services. • Total funding is dependent on EPA grants awarded to the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition. • EPA grants awarded to the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition to date: \$1 million (2009), \$500,000 (2012), \$600,000 (2013), \$600,000 (2016), \$600,000 (2018)
Services available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (All Appropriate Inquiries) • Phase II Environmental Site Assessments • Limited NR 716 Site Investigations
Award type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR provides contractor services at no cost to applicant
Eligible applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government entities, tribal entities, prospective purchasers, property owners
Eligible sites	<p>Properties must meet the federal definition of a brownfield and priority is given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A property with a closed or closing manufacturing plant and industrial site, such as a foundry, dairy, electroplater, assembly line or other industrial facility. • A property in a rural, racially diverse community or economically disadvantaged area. • A project with community involvement with the potential for economic development. <p>Visit the website for more information on eligibility.</p>
Selection factors	<p>Factors that may be considered in project selection include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are impediments to large-scale redevelopment projects • Known or potential environmental challenges • Community economic profile (e.g., unemployment or poverty rate, other closed facilities, protected demographics) • Benefit of service to the community (e.g., economic, health, livability) • Inability of owner to contribute financially to the project or willingness of responsible party • Participation in the Wisconsin Plant Recovery Initiative program • Projects with redevelopment plans consistent with local redevelopment objectives

For more information on the program, visit the Remediation and Redevelopment program website at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Brownfields/wam.html>