



# **EPA Grants Presentation**

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“Guide to Grants” Funding Seminar



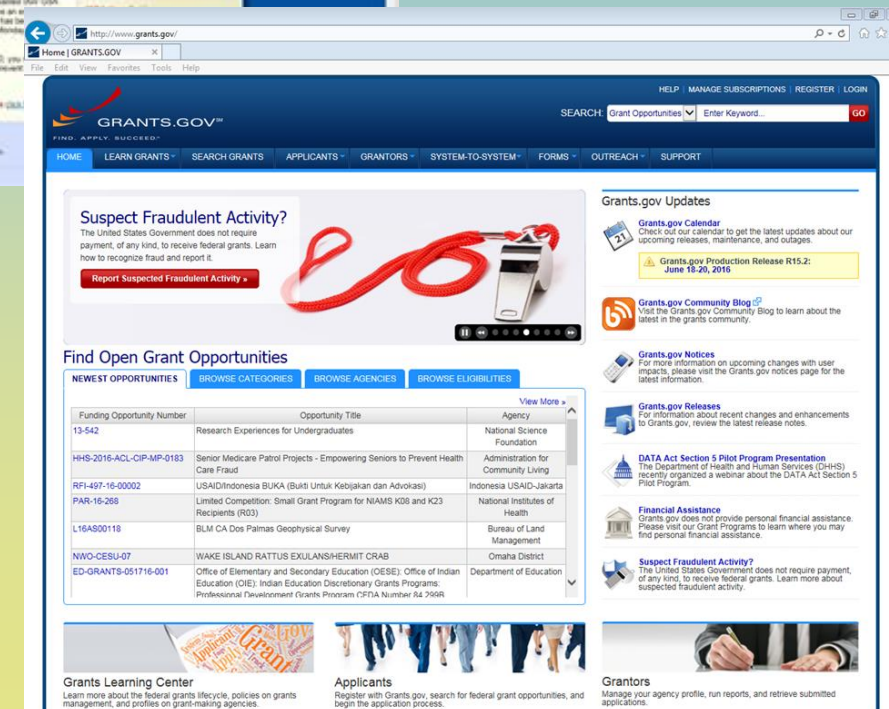
# Resources

- Grants
  - Brownfields
- Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice
- College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP)
- Technical Assistance
  - Water utilities
- Hotlines



# Grants

- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)  
<https://www.cfda.gov/>
- Lists all Federal programs available to State and local governments, quasi- public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.
- Grants.gov <https://www.grants.gov>
- EPA <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-101-tutorial-step-1-applying-epa-grant>





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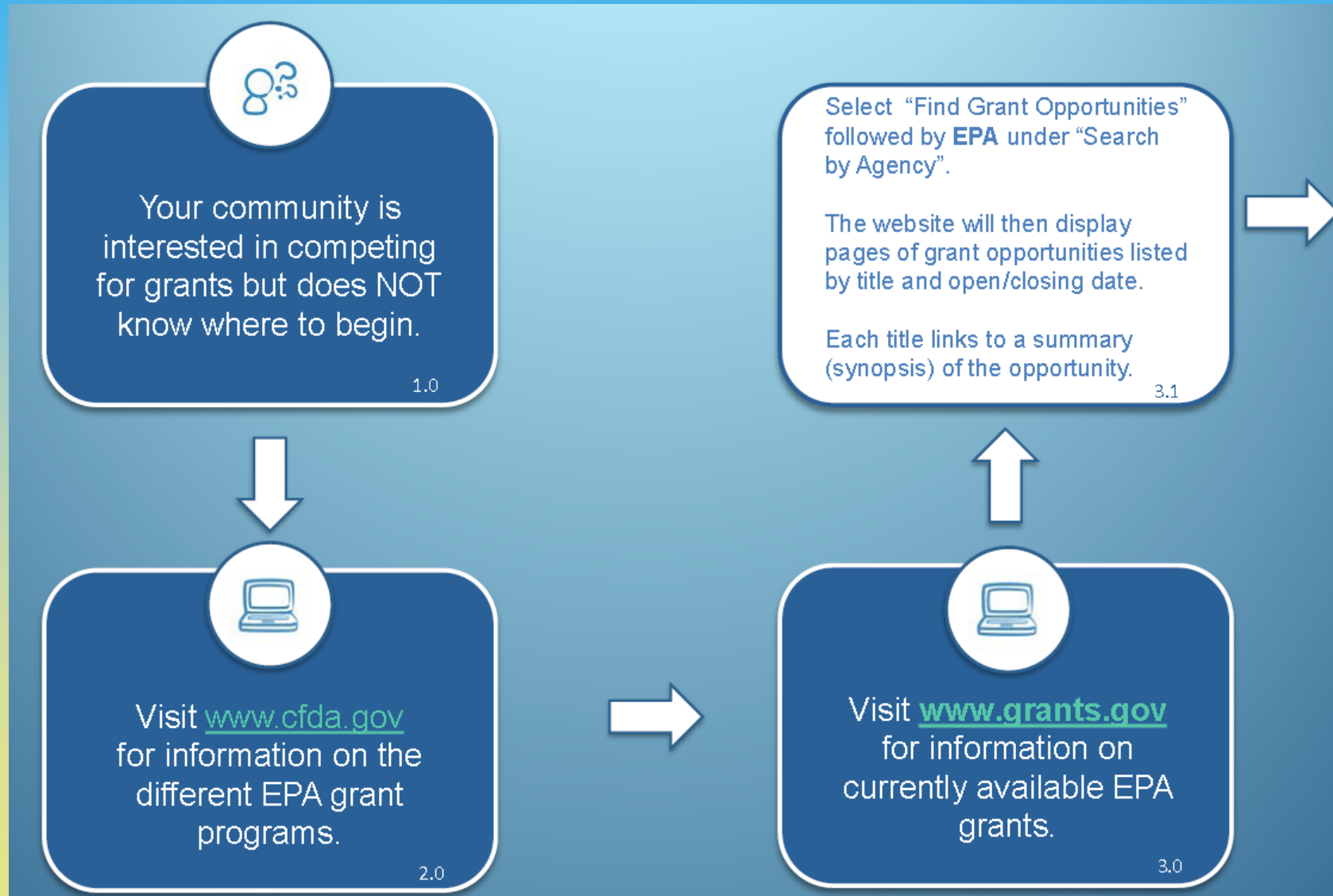


**An Introduction to the EPA Grants Process**



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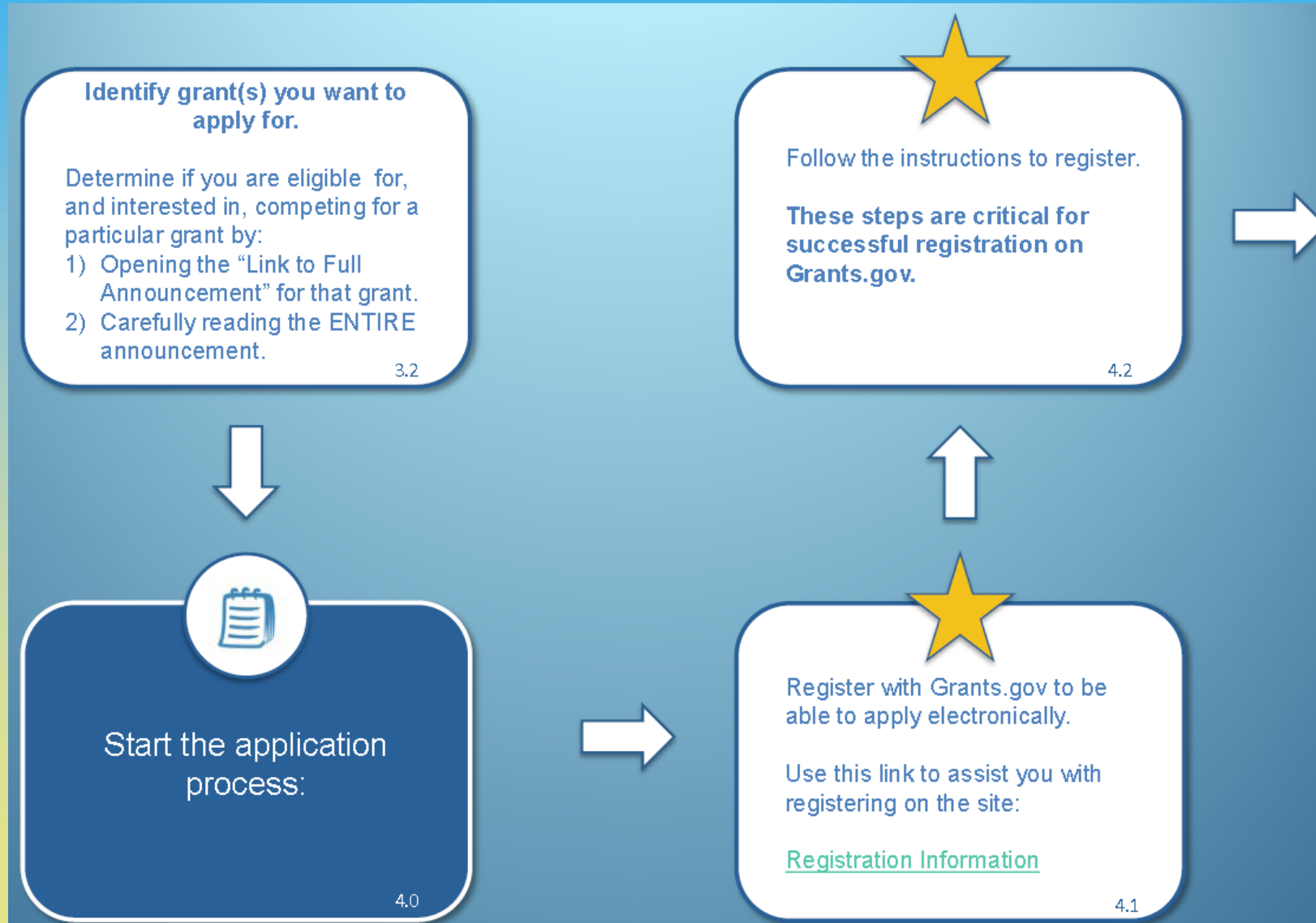
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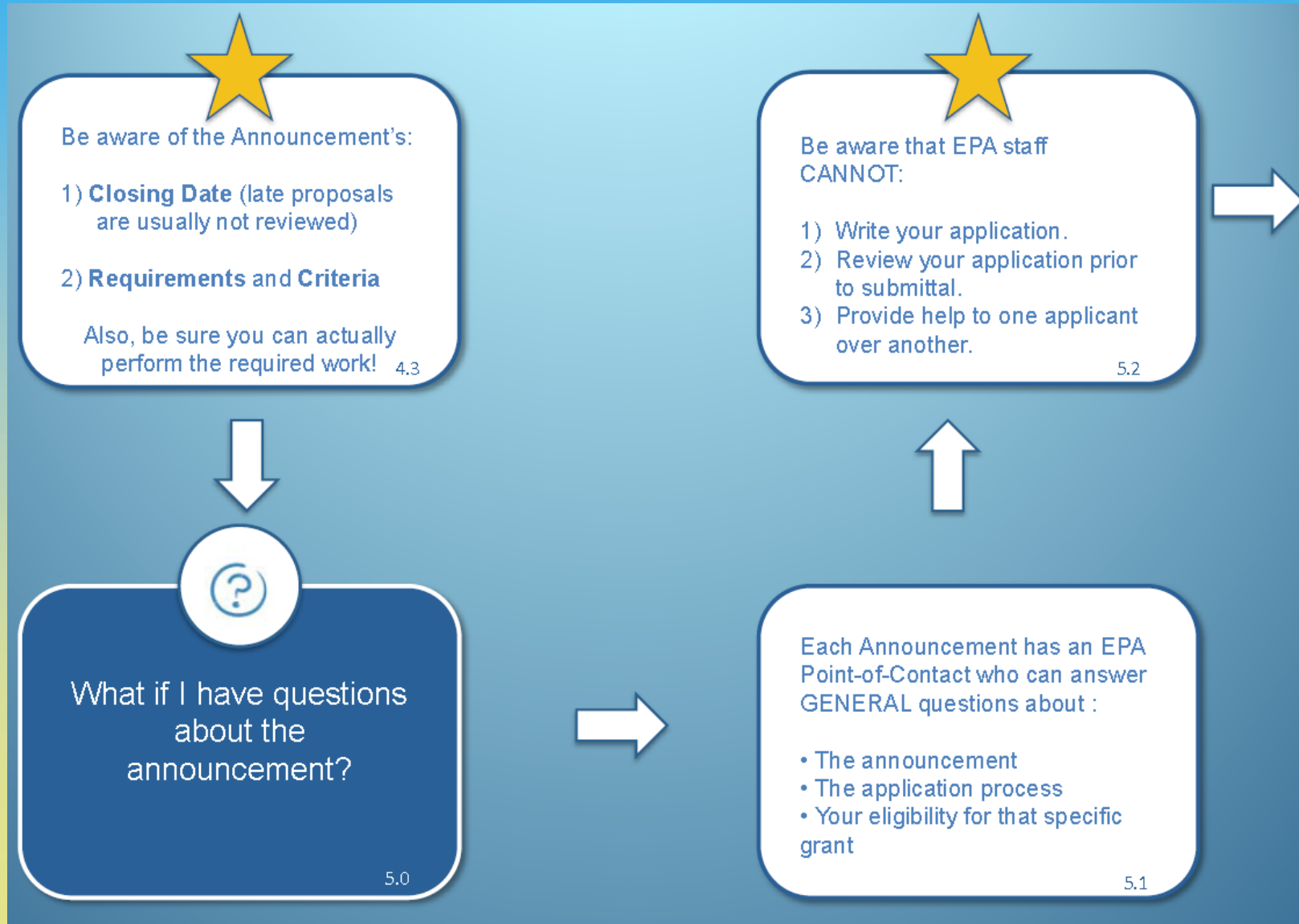
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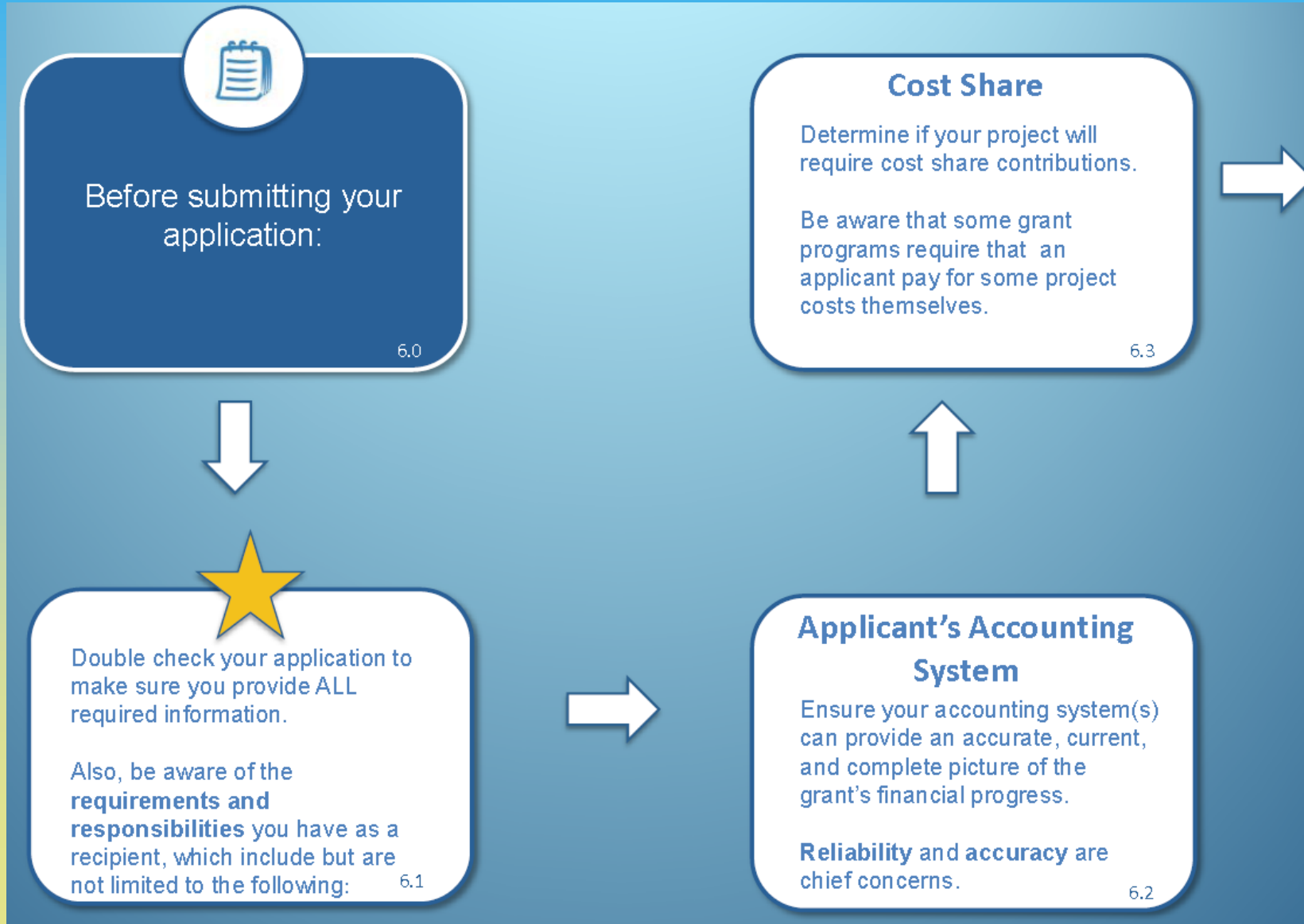
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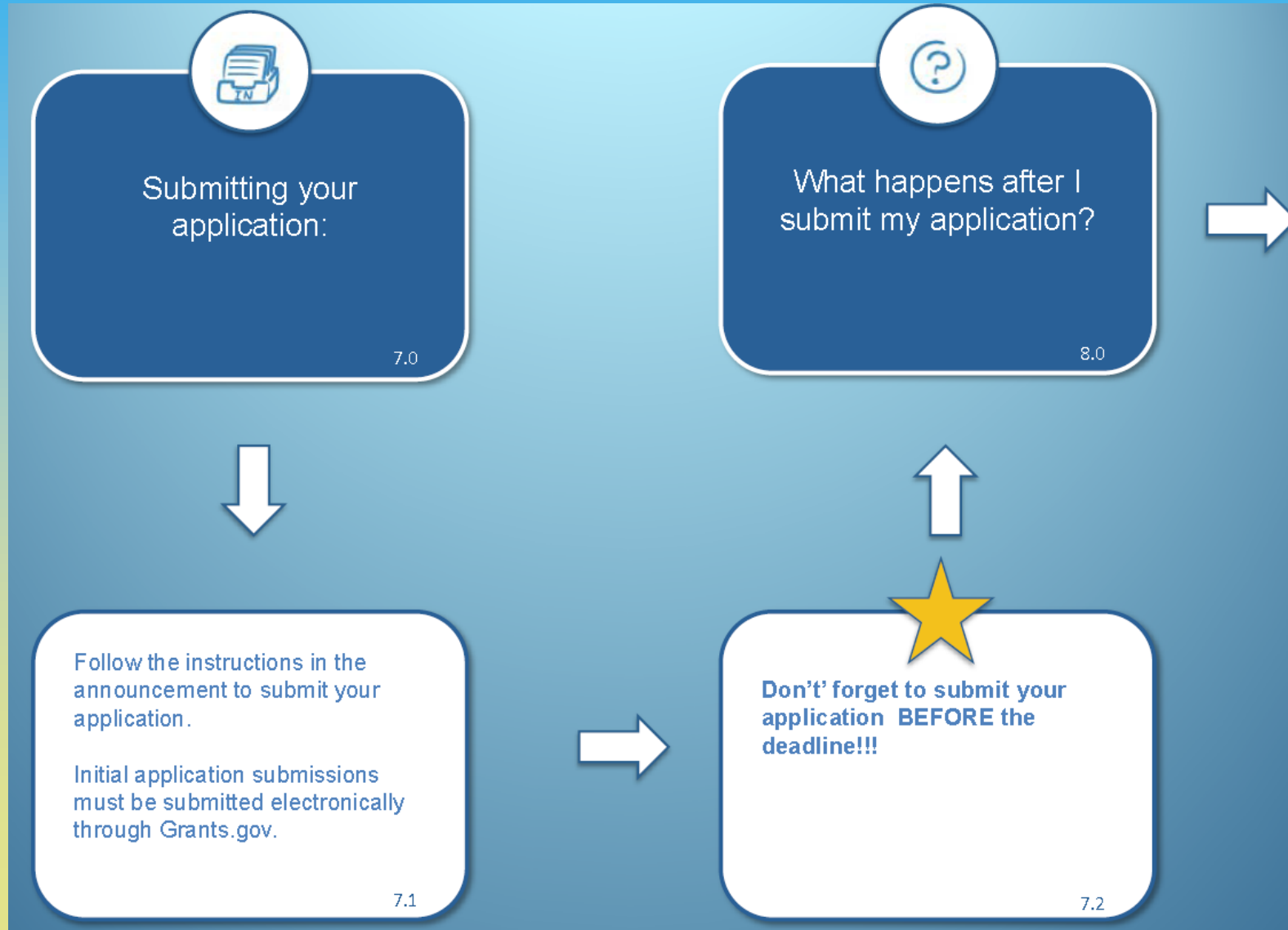






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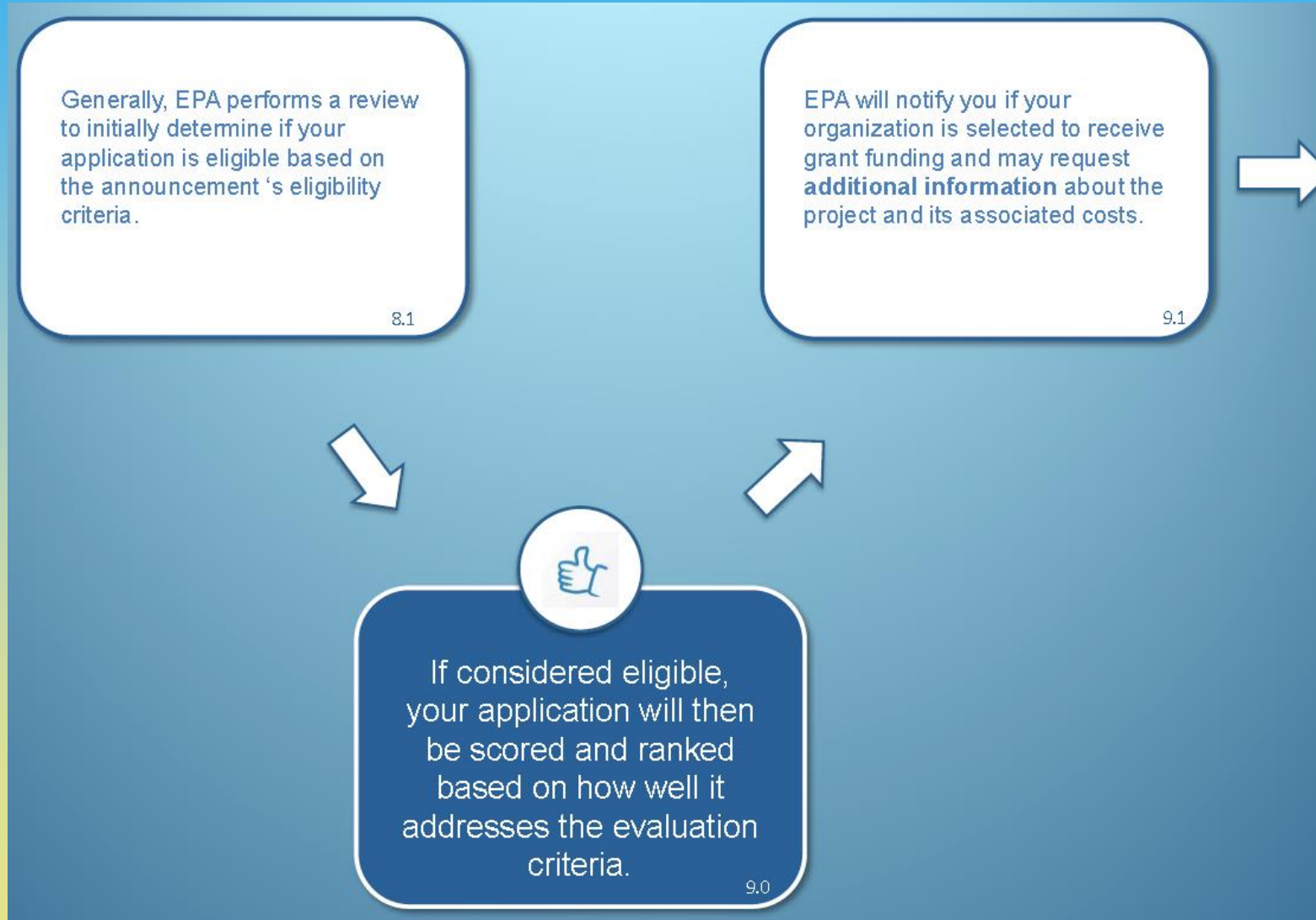
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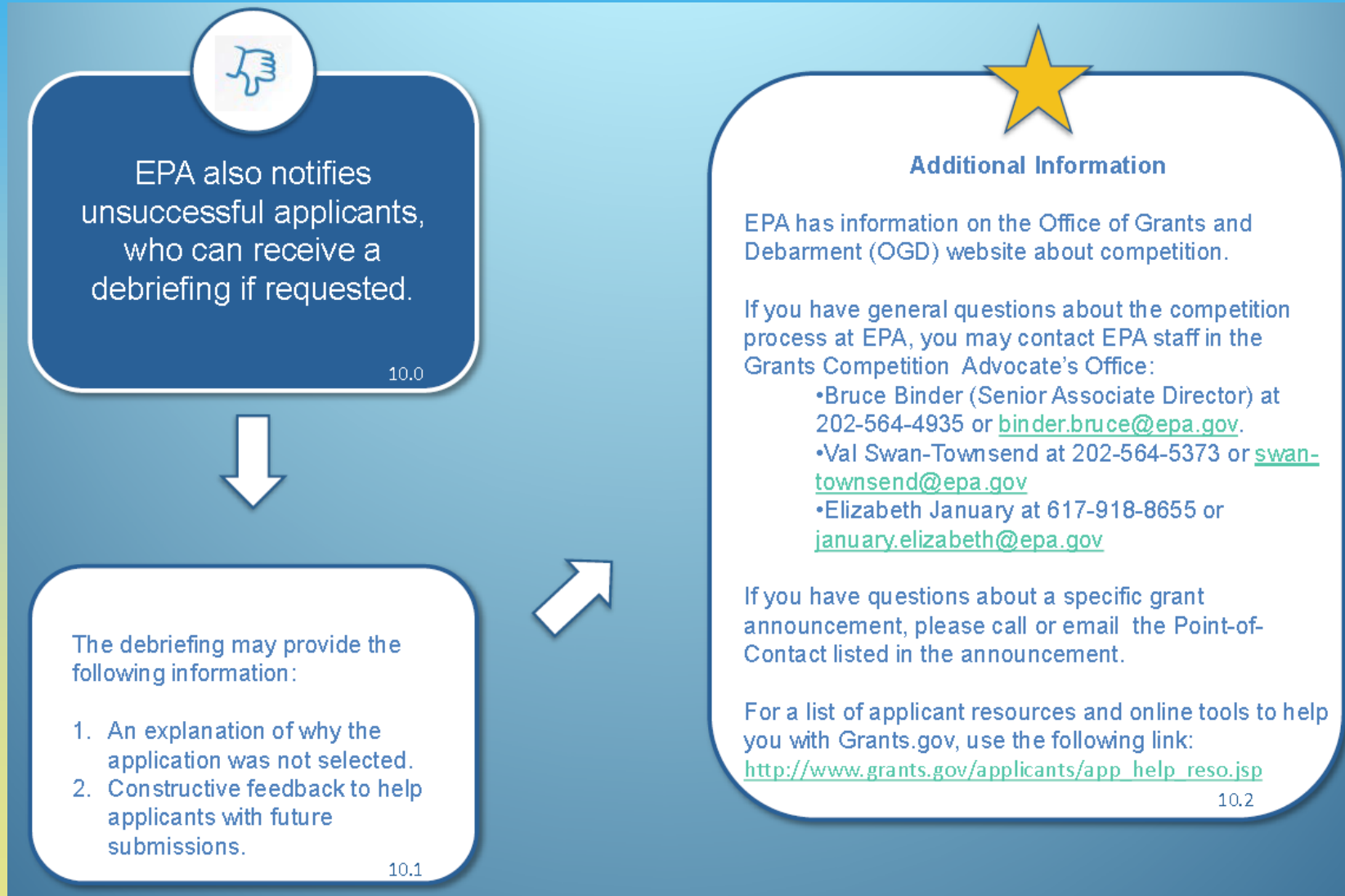
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# What are Brownfields?

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“...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.”



- Blighted, abandoned, derelict property
  - Contaminated property
- Property that everyone believes is contaminated
  - Fear of environmental liability



# EPA's Brownfields Program

- Primarily a Grant Program
- Most Grants are Awarded Annually
  - i.e. Assessment and Cleanup grants
- Competitively Solicited (very competitive!!)
- Community-wide Assessment Grants are the most popular
  - Assessments determine the environmental condition of a property and lead to property purchase and redevelopment

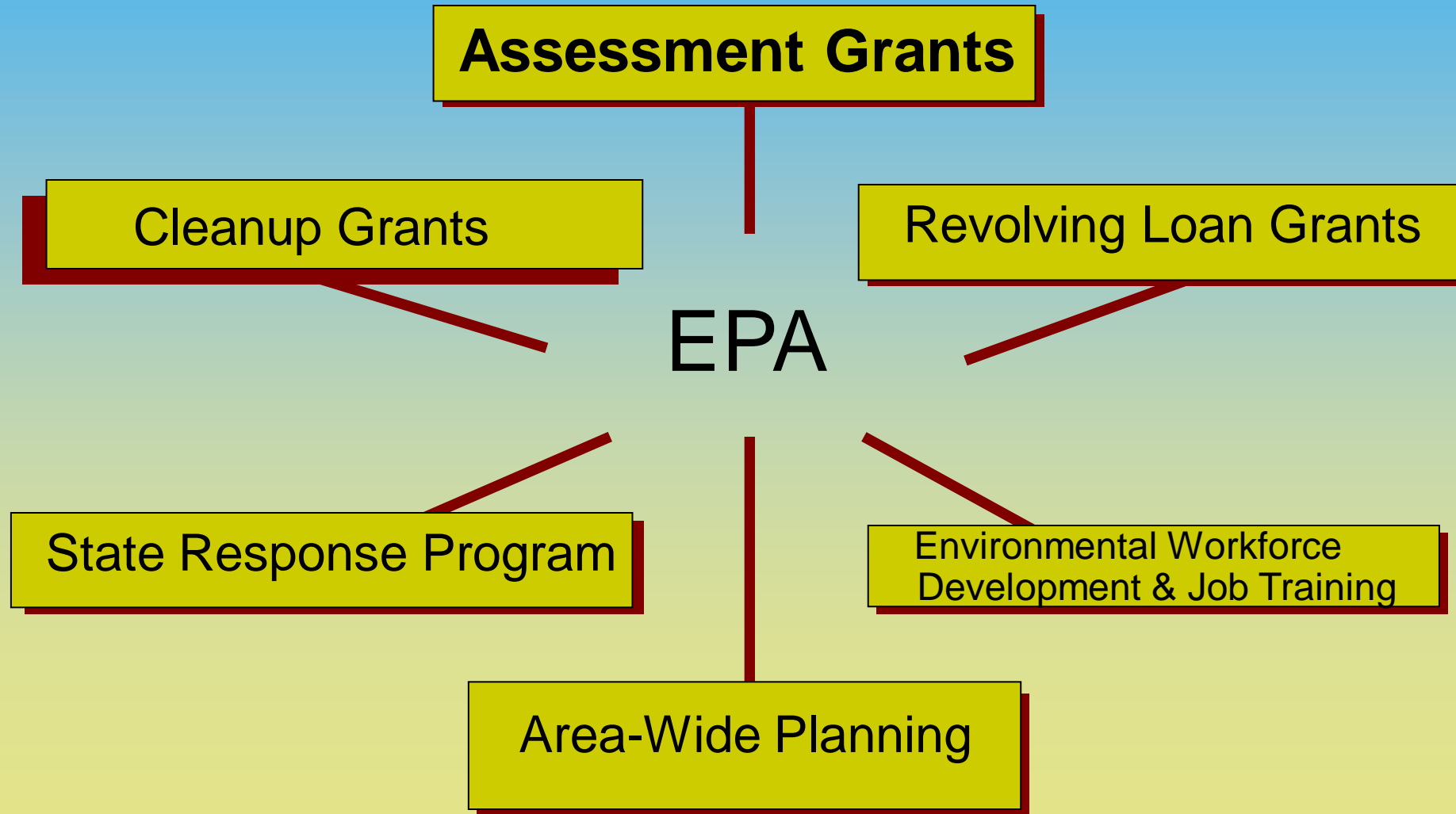


# Who Can Apply?

- **Local Governments (as defined under 40 CFR Part 31)**
- **Land Clearance Authorities/Quasi-Governmental Entities Under Local Governmental Control**
- **State Legislated Government Entities**
- **Regional Councils of Government or Group of Local Governments**
- **Redevelopment Agency (State Chartered/Sanctioned)**
- **States**
- **Tribes (Land held in trust by the government for a tribe is eligible for a cleanup grant)**
- **Nonprofit organizations (documentation of nonprofit status is required; IRS letter designating 501(c)3)**



# The EPA Brownfields Program Grants





# EPA's Brownfields Program

## Types of Grants:

1. Assessment (\$400k max or \$500-600k for coalitions) – **RFP announced in the fall**
2. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) (\$1M) – **RFP announced in the fall**
3. Cleanup (\$200k per parcel) – **RFP announced in the fall**
4. Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (\$200k) – **RFP announced in the fall**
5. Area-Wide Planning (\$200k) – **mid-June right now every two years**
6. **Other Resources that are also Available:**
  - a. Targeted Brownfields Assessments (not a grant)
  - b. Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)
  - c. ADEM's Revolving Loan Fund and 128(a) grant





# Assessment Grant Applications

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Primarily for, but not only for conducting environmental site assessments on properties!

Funding can be used to also inventory sites, prepare cost estimates for cleanup, develop cleanup plans, and conduct community involvement activities.

Community Wide (Multiple Sites)	Site Specific (One Site)	Coalitions (Multiple Sites)
Up to \$200,000 for hazardous substances <i>and</i> \$200,000 for petroleum addressing the same community.	Up to \$200,000 for petroleum <i>or</i> hazardous substances (comingled)	Up to \$600,000 per coalition. <i>Coalition Members can NOT apply for individual assessment funding.</i>
Maximum Combined Amount \$400,000	Maximum Amount \$350,000	Maximum Amount <b>\$600,000</b>



# Future Brownfields Outreach Activities

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- Brownfields workshop coming to the Greater Birmingham area and nearby communities in **June/July 2016**
- Please pre-register at our table to be included on information regarding
  - Dates
  - Time
  - Location



# QUESTIONS?

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## ANSWERS:

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# Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice 20

- "Federal agencies must identify and address, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations."
- Create healthy and sustainable communities by bringing together the federal family to address critical environmental justice issues.
- Framework for Collaboration
  - Seeks to advance greater federal agency collaboration to improve the quality of life and to expand economic opportunity in overburdened and under-resourced communities.
  - The overarching purpose of this three-year framework is to strengthen a cohesive and comprehensive federal approach to improve the health and sustainability of those communities who need the most assistance.



# College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) <sup>21</sup>

- Based on developing partnerships between small, underserved communities and geographically close colleges/universities
  - provide a variety of technical support at no cost to those communities
- Promote interagency collaboration (federal, state, local, and tribal) w/emphasis on community engagement
- Facilitate public-private partnerships between schools, communities, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations
- Currently, there are 34 schools partnering with more than 60 communities in 14 states
- The program also has support from the Civilian Conservation Corps, Regional Coastal Commission in Georgia, Union of Concerned Scientists, Thriving Earth Exchange and the following federal agencies:
  - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  - US Department of Energy (DOE)
  - US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Public Health Office (PHO)
  - US Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS)
- <https://www.epa.gov/communityhealth/collegeunderserved-community-partnership-program-cupp>



# Hotlines & Help Desks

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- Asbestos Hotline
- Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) database
- Central Data Exchange (CDX) Hotline
- Drinking Water Hotline
- Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (EPCRA) Information Center
- Environmental Justice Hotline
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Inspector General Hotline – Recognizing Fraud, Waste and Abuse
- Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Hotline
- Lead Information Center Hotline
- National Response Center (NRC)
- Oil Information Center
- Pesticide Hotline
- Radon Hotline
- Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Docket
- Risk Management Plan (RMP) Information Center
- Small Business Ombudsman Hotline
- Stratospheric Ozone Hotline
- Superfund Information Center
- Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Information Center
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Imports and Exports Hotline
- Vehicles and Engines Imports Hotline



# Questions?