

# Technical Assistance, Partnership, and Problem Solving

Thursday, June 15th  
8:30am-12:15pm

**Welcome**  
Carolyn Bryan  
EPA Region 8

The right side of the slide features a decorative graphic composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent green triangles and polygons. The colors range from a light, pale green to a dark, forest green. The shapes are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some shapes appearing to be layered in front of others. The overall effect is a modern, abstract design that complements the green text on the left.

# Federal Technical Assistance - General Overview

- ▶ Good for small, rural communities - Less administrative overhead (fewer “strings”).
- ▶ Allows communities to assess current status and think through next steps.
- ▶ Faster engagement - Shorter acceptance process, no contracting required, no dollars exchanged.
- ▶ Technical assistance comes in different shapes and sizes
  - ▶ As simple as meeting with federal field office teams for one-time consultation. Or, may be 6-18 months of continued support through a specialized technical assistance provider.
  - ▶ Can be more formal assistance with workplans and deliverable
- ▶ Technical assistance typical precedes grants, but can also work alongside existing funding.
- ▶ Technical assistance can bring together multiple stakeholders in order to identify roles and next steps.
- ▶ Early technical assistance can lead to better grant applications later on!

**Energy**

Katrina Pielli

Department of Energy



# Many TA Opportunities at DOE!

- ▶ Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED):
  - ▶ Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA)
    - ▶ OPEN \$50M Grant opportunity: Projects \$500k-\$5M, no cost share, simplified application process.
    - ▶ TA from DOE national labs & TCTACs
  - ▶ Clean Energy on Current or Former Mine Land (CEML)
    - ▶ TA from national labs & TCTACs
    - ▶ Webinar series - siting, NEPA, and more
  - ▶ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs)
    - ▶ Partnership with EPA
    - ▶ Deliver capacity building and TA for communities
    - ▶ New Request for Applications for the EPA Region 8 TCTAC opening in mid-July!

[www.energy.gov/OCED](http://www.energy.gov/OCED)

# Many TA Opportunities at DOE!

- ▶ State & Local Solutions Center
  - ▶ [www.energy.gov/scep/slsc](http://www.energy.gov/scep/slsc)
- ▶ Office of Indian Energy
  - ▶ <https://www.energy.gov/indianenergy/technical-assistance>
- ▶ Clean Energy to Communities (C2C)
  - ▶ [www.energy.gov/eere/clean-energy-communities-program](http://www.energy.gov/eere/clean-energy-communities-program)
- ▶ Communities LEAP
  - ▶ [www.energy.gov/communitiesLEAP](http://www.energy.gov/communitiesLEAP)

# Energy

Miles Benzel, Glenn Pauley

USDA Rural Development

**Energy**  
Kelly Watkins  
EPA







# Technical Assistance for EPA Funding Opportunities

Kelly Watkins

Chief of Staff

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

*Wyoming Federal Funding Summit*

June 15, 2023

# Investing in America

## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Water Infrastructure
- Cleanup, Revitalization & Recycling
  - Superfund
  - Brownfields
- Pollution Prevention
- Clean School Buses

## Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

- Environmental Justice
- Climate Pollution
- Clean Air



# EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs)

- Network of technical assistance centers
- Provide free technical assistance, training, and capacity-building support to communities and stakeholders
- EJ TCTACs are a partnership between EPA and DOE
  - Part of a broader collaboration that also includes US Department of Agriculture, Department of Housing and Urban Development and others: the Federal Interagency Thriving Communities Network

# EJ TCTACs (cont'd)

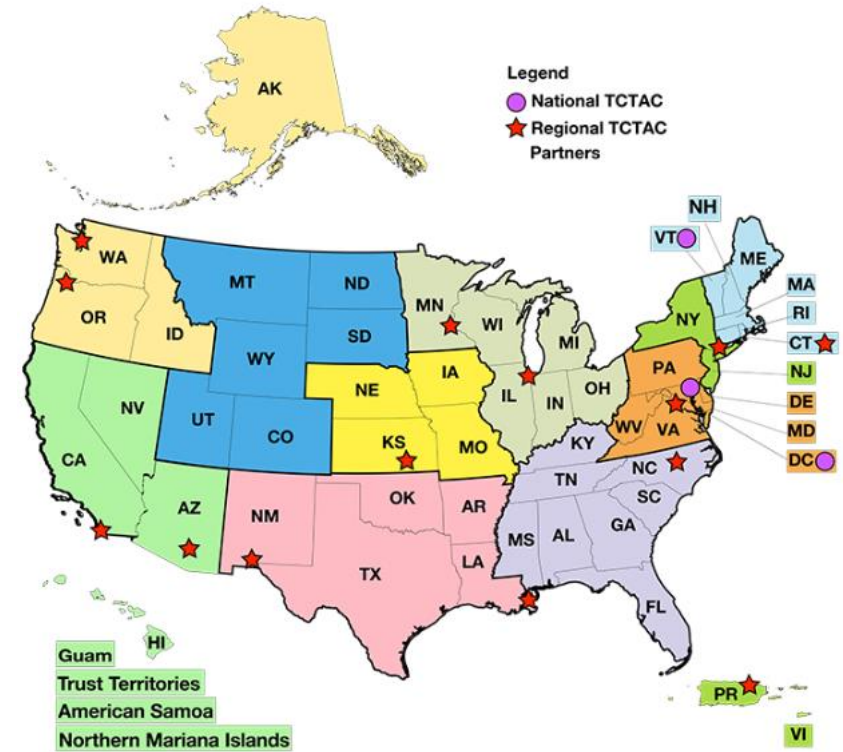
- Training and other assistance to build capacity:
  - Navigating federal grant application systems
  - Identifying funding sources to apply for (federal, state, local, private)
  - Writing strong grant proposals
  - Effectively managing grant funding
  - Engaging effectively with decisionmakers at all levels of government
  - Guidance on community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services
  - Creating and managing communication channels for direct access to resources and information

# EJ TCTACs (cont'd)

- Program participants include:
  - Individuals, businesses and communities
  - Nonprofit, community-based, grassroots, philanthropic and civic organizations
  - Rural and remote communities and organizations
  - Educational institutions
  - Local, tribal, and state governmental units
  - Utility providers
  - Health care providers and clinics
  - And more!

# EJ TCTACs (cont'd)

- Over \$177 million dollars
  - Each TCTAC will receive at least \$10 million
  - Partnership with over 160 partners – universities, nonprofits, community groups
- 17 centers selected – 3 national, 14 regional
  - National TCTACs will coordinate with Regional TCTACs, develop national databases, host summits, etc.
  - Regional TCTACs will provide direct support and technical assistance to communities and stakeholders in specific regional/geographic areas
- Initial selectees are anticipated to start opening centers this summer



**We will soon be opening a new competition for a Region 8-specific TCTAC**

# Other Technical Assistance Available

- Clean School Bus program
  - Series of webinars
  - <https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/events-related-clean-school-bus-program>
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants – Climate Innovation Teams
  - Cohort-based teams available throughout the four-year grant
  - Combines federal and contractor expertise with peer-to-peer learning and collaboration, based on the topic participants indicate they need support on
- Superfund reuse & redevelopment visioning assistance
- Laboratory Services and Applied Sciences Division technical experts
- Water-related grants\*
- Brownfields\*

# Infrastructure

Adam Anderson, Glenn Pauley, Kim Johnson

USDA Rural Development



**Infrastructure**

Ben Bents

Water Division, EPA Region 8



# Technical Assistance and Community Outreach: June 2023

## Planning and Assessment

Community Engagement

Plan Development and Coordination

Studies and Assessments

Asset Management

## Project Development

Preliminary Engineering Reports

Lead Service Line Inventories

Project Design

Environmental Reviews

## Partnerships and Engagement

Ongoing Engagement and Outreach

Decision-maker and Board Education

Water Systems Partnerships

Capacity Building and Training

## Funding and Financing

Rates and Revenue Analyses

Financial Planning

Identify Funding Options

Application Support

## Construction Management

Bid Support

Change Order Review

Project Inspection

Domestic Preference and Davis Bacon Assistance

- ▶ Wastewater Technical Support:  
[stone.kenely@epa.gov](mailto:stone.kenely@epa.gov)
- ▶ Drinking Water Technical Support:  
[Faliskie.Bryce@epa.gov](mailto:Faliskie.Bryce@epa.gov)
- ▶ Drinking Water PFAS & Contaminants:  
[simpson.karen@epa.gov](mailto:simpson.karen@epa.gov); [devaney.rainie@epa.gov](mailto:devaney.rainie@epa.gov)
- ▶ Clean Water PFAS & Contaminants:  
[Kinsey.julie@epa.gov](mailto:Kinsey.julie@epa.gov); [devaney.rainie@epa.gov](mailto:devaney.rainie@epa.gov)
- ▶ Lead Service Line Inventory & Replacement:  
[Minter.jill@epa.gov](mailto:Minter.jill@epa.gov); [Wenzel.eric@epa.gov](mailto:Wenzel.eric@epa.gov)
- ▶ Environmental Finance Center:  
[williams.Darrel@epa.gov](mailto:williams.Darrel@epa.gov)
- ▶ Small Community Outreach:  
[barbakova.tamara@epa.gov](mailto:barbakova.tamara@epa.gov)
- ▶ Funding, SRF, Earmarks, Tribal  
[bents.benjamin@epa.gov](mailto:bents.benjamin@epa.gov)

## EPA Denver Regional Office Contacts

## National Water Infrastructure Assistance:

[WaterTA@epa.gov](mailto:WaterTA@epa.gov)

# Infrastructure

Barbara Benoy

Brownfields, EPA Region 8

Brownfields  
Technical Assistance &  
Partnerships



Barbara Benoy, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

A **Brownfield** is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or *potential* presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.



# Technical Assistance

Actions to take advantage of these historic revitalization opportunities.



U.S. EPA REGION 8  
WBWIRE NEWSLETTER

[Region 8 Brownfields and Land Revitalization Website](#)

U.S. EPA Region 8 Western Brownfields Wire – Spring 2023

[Region 8 Communities to Receive \\$17.5 Million in Assessment and Cleanup Funds](#)

[Brownfields Job Training Grant Funding Opportunity](#)

[Brownfields Accomplishments Around the Region](#)

[Brownfields Resources and Training](#)

[Grant Opportunities and Technical Assistance](#)

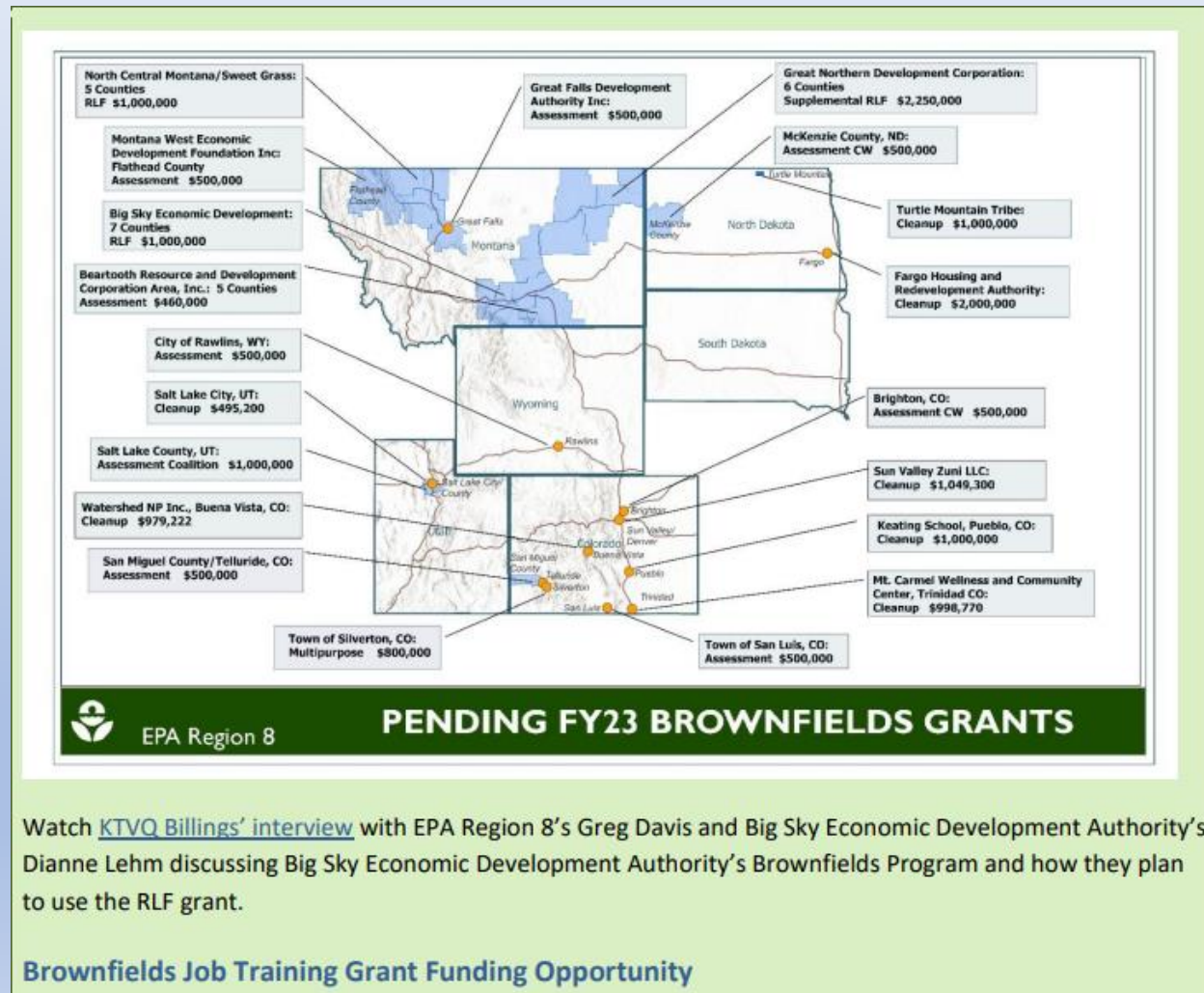
[Contact Us](#)





# Technical Assistance

Actions to take advantage of these historic revitalization opportunities.



Watch [KTVQ Billings' interview](#) with EPA Region 8's Greg Davis and Big Sky Economic Development Authority's Dianne Lehm discussing Big Sky Economic Development Authority's Brownfields Program and how they plan to use the RLF grant.

**Brownfields Job Training Grant Funding Opportunity**



# Technical Assistance

Actions to take advantage of these historic revitalization opportunities.

- <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/western-brownfields-wire-wbwire-0>



# TARGETED BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENTS (TBAs)

EPA provides environmental assessments and cleanup planning free of charge to communities and non-profits.

- Phase 1/Phase 2 site assessment and cleanup planning
- Applications accepted year-round with [easy online form](#)
- Significant increased TBA funding available
- A great way for new communities to get involved in brownfields



# Technical Assistance

Actions to take advantage of these historic revitalization opportunities.

➤ EPA's TBA program:

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/forms/region-8-targeted-brownfields-assessments>



# Technical Assistance

- Visit our Brownfields page for more helpful information:  
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

The screenshot shows the EPA website's 'Brownfields' page. At the top, the EPA logo and 'United States Environmental Protection Agency' are visible, along with a search bar and navigation links for 'Environmental Topics', 'Laws & Regulations', 'Report a Violation', and 'About EPA'. A 'CONTACT US' link is also present. The main heading is 'Brownfields'. Below it is a large banner with an illustration of hands clapping. A dark blue box in the center of the banner contains the text: '\$315 Million in Grants and Funding' and 'Announcing the largest investment ever in brownfields communities.' Below the banner, there is a paragraph of text: 'EPA's [Brownfields Program](#) provides grants and technical assistance to communities, states, tribes and others to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated properties. To learn about EPA's broader efforts to put previously contaminated properties back into productive use, read about our [Land Revitalization Program](#).' At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Basic Information' and 'Grants', and an 'EPA Envirofacts' button.



# Technical Assistance

- Reach out to EPA partners like the Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program at Kansas State: <https://www.ksutab.org/>

**TAB**  
Technical Assistance  
to Brownfields

Home About Events Online Tools Resources Tribal TAB Contact Login

## Brownfields Challenges and Opportunities

Let the KSU TAB Team help find a solution. Contact your Regional Coordinator today!

## TAB Program

TAB provides free technical assistance to communities and other stakeholders with brownfields redevelopment efforts including free workshops, webinars, online training, and e-tools.

[Learn More](#)

BROWSER NOTE: Some pages may not work with Internet Explorer. We recommend using Chrome or Firefox when viewing our webpages.

## How Can We Help You?

Planning/Community Engagement Environmental Technical Assistance Economic Redevelopment Resources to Download



# Technical Assistance

## KSU Technical Assistance to Brownfields

Events	Event Type	Location	Date	View
2023 Grant Writing Workshop - "How to Get the Money!", Kearney, NE	Workshop	Kearney, NE	Upcoming! - Jun. 14, 2023	<a href="#">View Event</a>
2023 Ohio Brownfield Services and Grant Readiness 101 Webinar	Webinar	Virtual	Jun. 13, 2023	<a href="#">View Event</a>
2023 Community Financial and Technical Assistance Programs For Brownfields Redevelopment, Des Moines, IA	Workshop	Des Moines, IA	Jun. 07, 2023	<a href="#">View Event</a>
2023 Arkansas Brownfields Workshop, North Little Rock	Workshop	North Little Rock , AR	Jun. 06, 2023	<a href="#">View Event</a>
2023 Community Financial and Technical Assistance Programs For Brownfields Redevelopment, Cedar Rapids, IA	Workshop	Cedar Rapids, IA	Jun. 06, 2023	<a href="#">View Event</a>
2023 Brownfields Grant-Writing Training Webinar Series: It is Never too Early to Start	Webinar	Virtual	May 25, 2023	<a href="#">View Event</a>
Bringing Back Value to Blighted Properties in Your Community, Omaha, NE	Workshop	Omaha, NE	Mar. 30, 2023	<a href="#">View Event</a>



# LAND REVITALIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**Direct technical assistance from EPA for existing brownfield projects.**

- ❖ Assistance includes community visioning and engagement, site design, market studies, and project financial planning
- ❖ Applications accepted year-round with assistance from EPA project managers
- ❖ Significant increased funding for land revitalization technical assistance





# LAND REVITALIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A Site Reuse Plan was created in 2023 for the Acme Former Power Plant here in Sheridan. Community gatherings were first held in 2017 for 'Visioning Sessions'.



Alternative 1



Alternative 2



Alternative 3

# Partnerships in - Brownfields

## Acme Former Power Plant

- 2017 'Visioning Session'
- Wyoming DEQ was awarded a site-specific assessment grant in 2018
- SCCD was awarded a cleanup grant in 2022
- WDEQ is providing cleanup funding
- Acme Reuse Plan
- Financial Feasibility Study



Barbara Benoy, EPA Region 8

benoy.barbara@epa.gov

303-312-6760

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/r8>



# Technical Assistance

Actions to take advantage of these historic revitalization opportunities.

- Attend the 2023 National Brownfields Training Conference this August: <https://brownfields2023.org/>



# Infrastructure

Mark Feilmeier, Trent Lofts

Department of Housing and Urban  
Development (HUD)

# Infrastructure

Katie Baum, Kyle McCormick

FEMA



# Mitigation Grants Technical Assistance

Katie Baum, R8 BRIC Technical Assistance Lead



FEMA

# Mitigation Grants Overview



Building Resilient  
Infrastructure and  
Communities  
(BRIC)



Rehabilitation of High  
Hazard Potential  
Dams (HHPD)



Flood Mitigation  
Assistance (FMA)



Fire Mitigation  
Assistance Grants  
(FMAG)



Hazard Mitigation  
Grant Program  
(HMGP)



Safeguarding  
Tomorrow Revolving  
Loan Fund (New!)



# FEMA R8 Regional Technical Assistance

# Region 8 BRIC Technical Assistance Team



**Katie  
Baum**



**Michael  
Sawyer**



**Kelsey Schill**



**Kyle McCormick**

Subject matter experts covering a range of mitigation topics, from community planning, mitigation grants, benefit cost analysis, wildfire mitigation, energy resilience, building codes, community outreach and engagement, and more.



**FEMA**

# Technical Assistance Case Studies

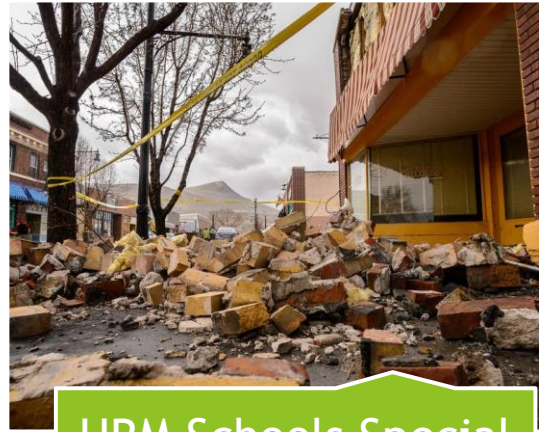
Equity

Capacity Building

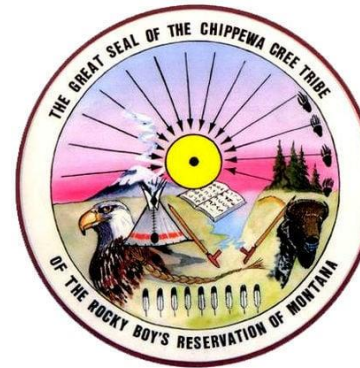
Resilience



Application Support and Review (ASR)



URM Schools Special Project



Chippewa Cree DTA



Fort Peck EPA/FEMA Pilot Partnership



FEMA

# BRIC Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)

# BRIC Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)

*Full, wide ranging support to communities that may not have the resources to begin climate resilience planning and project solution design on their own*

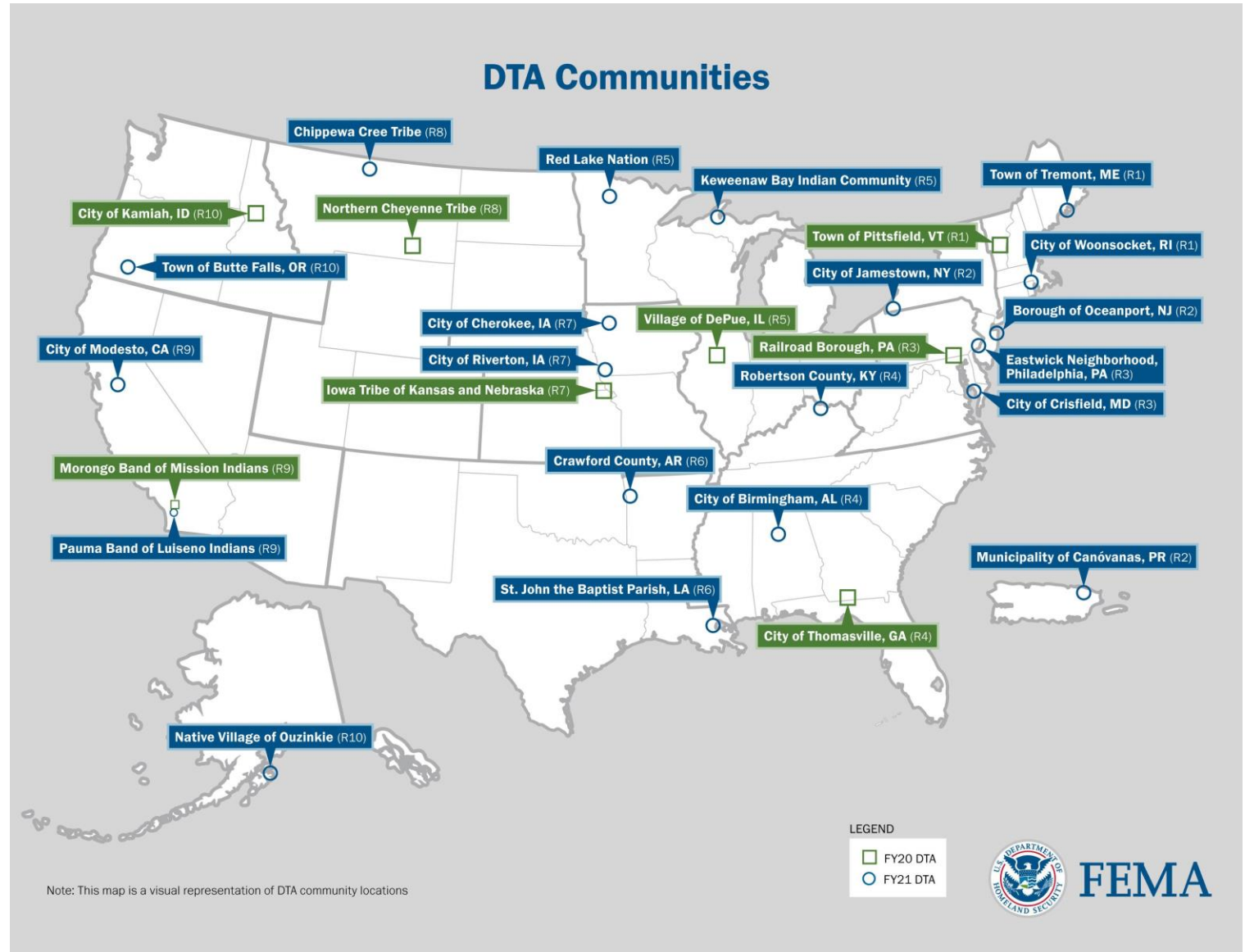
[BRIC Direct Technical Assistance | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/bric-direct-technical-assistance)



**FEMA**

# BRIC Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)

- FEMA is transforming BRIC DTA to a more flexible, customer-focused format to support more communities.
- In May 2023, BRIC DTA announced 46 new communities and tribes selected into DTA.
- Requests for FY23 BRIC DTA will open in September 2023.



**FEMA**

# DTA Case Study: City of Kamiah, Idaho

## Key Takeaways:

- ▶ Situated on the Clearwater River in Lewis and Idaho Counties of Idaho - population ~1,200
- ▶ Using BRIC Direct Technical Assistance to identify viable mitigation projects, identify funding sources for projects, and prioritize mitigation projects that address flood, wildfire, and landslide events.



[cityofkamiah.org](http://cityofkamiah.org)



Photos: Flooding in Stites and Kamiah, Idaho | [krem.com](http://krem.com)



**FEMA**

# Thank you!

Katie Baum  
BRIC Technical Assistance Team Lead  
[Katherine.baum@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Katherine.baum@fema.dhs.gov)

[FEMA-R8-MIT-Technical-Assistance@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R8-MIT-Technical-Assistance@fema.dhs.gov)



# FEMA



# Infrastructure

Carlos Machado, Hank Rettinger

Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Workforce**  
Glenn Pauley  
USDA Rural Development



**Workforce**

Amy Lea

Small Business Administration



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

Amy Lea, SBA Wyoming District Director

# The SBA works to ignite change and spark action so small businesses can confidently



**START • GROW • EXPAND • RECOVER**

**Counseling & Training | Access to Capital | Government Contracting | Disaster Assistance**

# The SBA Resource Partner Network in Wyoming

Access the right tools at the right time—wherever you are.



Approved and funded by the SBA



1,400+ partner offices nationwide



# Wyoming SBDC Network

If you're an aspiring entrepreneur or small business owner looking for:

- **Free business consulting** to get started or grow
- **Low-cost training** on crucial topics



Find your closest Wyoming SBDC Network advisor at:

<https://www.WyomingSBDC.org>

# Community Navigator Pilot Program



- The Community Navigator Pilot Program is an American Rescue Plan initiative designed to reduce barriers that underrepresented and underserved entrepreneurs face
- Grantees serve as “hubs” -- centralized, lead organizations, which incorporate “spokes,” organizations that have built trust in their local communities and are the ‘boots on the ground’ that connect small businesses to critical resources and assistance
- Wyoming "hub" – Wyoming SBDC Network
- Wyoming “spokes”:
  - University of Wyoming Extension
  - Wyoming Women's Business Center
  - Wind River Development Fund
  - Wyoming Smart Capital Network
  - The Local Crowd
  - Laramie County Library System Library to Business program

<https://www.wyomingcommunitynavigator.org>



# Wyoming Women's Business Center

If you are an aspiring or current woman small business owner looking for:

- **Comprehensive training and counseling** on a variety of topics in several languages
- **Business advice** to level the playing field against unique challenges or obstacles
- Microloan program



Sign up to become a client online:

<https://www.wyomingwomen.org/>

# Big Sky Veterans Business Outreach Center

If you are a veteran of the US military or a military spouse in need of:

- **Counseling or transition assistance**
- **Training and advice** to start or grow your business, or purchase a new business
- **Resource referrals**



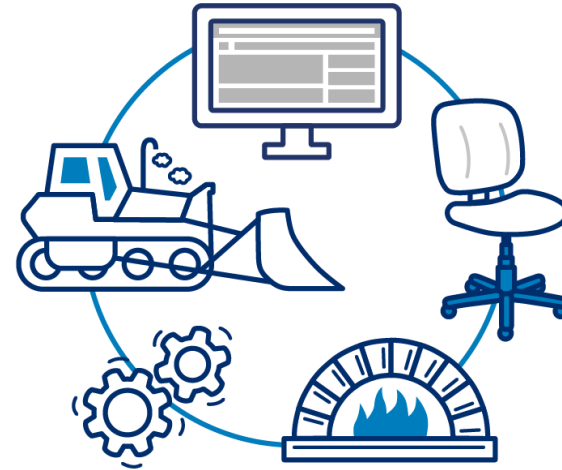
Contact:

<https://www.bigskyvbo.org>

# How Can SBA-backed Loans Help Small Businesses?



- Start or purchase a small business
- Access revolving credit or working capital for day-to-day expenses
- Purchase inventory, equipment, or machinery



- Purchase, renovate, or expand facilities
- Purchase land or real estate
- Export a product or service
- **Finance a government contract**

# SBA Loan Programs

From \$500 - \$5 million to fund small businesses

- SBA-guaranteed loans can be used for most business purposes, including fixed assets and working capital
- SBA-approved lenders and resource partners can match you with the right loan for your business needs, including:
  - Microloans
  - Community Advantage Loans
  - 7(a) guaranteed loans
  - 504 loans
- SBA Lender Match  
<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/lender-match-connects-you-lenders>

# SBA's Role in Federal Contracting



The federal government is the world's largest customer, buying products, services and construction



Required by law to provide contract opportunities to small businesses



Evaluate your readiness & learn more by visiting [SBA.gov/contracting](https://www.sba.gov/contracting)



# Qualify for Federal Contracts with Certifications



The SBA works with federal agencies to award at least 23% of all prime government contracting dollars each year to small businesses that are certified with the **SBA's contracting programs**. Programs include:

---

8(a) Business Development Program

---

Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) Program

---

Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program

---

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Program

Learn more and determine your eligibility at  
[certify.SBA.gov](https://certify.sba.gov)

# SBA Disaster Assistance Loans

Each year, the SBA provides billions of dollars in low-interest, long-term **disaster loans** to help small businesses, homeowners, and renters recover from declared disasters. Loans may cover:



**Real Estate**



**Personal Property**



**Economic Injury**



**Machinery & Equipment**



**Inventory**



**Active Duty Military**

# Your SBA Wyoming District Office Team Can Help

**Find Your District Office: [www.sba.gov/local-assistance](http://www.sba.gov/local-assistance)**

## Contact Us

Wyoming District Office  
150 E. B St.  
Room 1011  
Casper, WY 82601

Main Office Contact: (307) 261-6500

Shared email: [sbawyo@sba.gov](mailto:sbawyo@sba.gov)

Local web site:

<https://www.sba.gov/wy>



**Amy Lea**  
District Director  
(307) 247-3191  
[amy.lea@sba.gov](mailto:amy.lea@sba.gov)



**Deb Farris**  
Deputy District Director  
(307) 247-373  
[debra.farris@sba.gov](mailto:debra.farris@sba.gov)



**Tammi Hanshaw**  
Outreach and Marketing  
Specialist  
(307) 441-4886  
[tammi.hanshaw@sba.gov](mailto:tammi.hanshaw@sba.gov)



**Jordan Belser**  
Public Affairs Specialist  
(307) 441-1192  
[jordan.belser@sba.gov](mailto:jordan.belser@sba.gov)



# Questions

The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. These shapes are primarily located on the right side of the slide, with some extending towards the left. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

# Closing

- ▶ We will now hand it over to State Partners and Brandi Harlow for a discussion on partnership opportunities across the state of WY
- ▶ We will see you at the Meet and Greet later today beginning at 1:00pm