



Superfund Technical Assistance Grants

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What is a Technical Assistance Grant?

A Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) provides money for activities that help your community participate in decision making at eligible Superfund sites. An initial grant of up to \$50,000 is available for any Superfund site that is on the EPA's National Priorities List (NPL) or proposed for listing on the NPL and a response action has begun. EPA's NPL is a list of the most hazardous waste sites nationwide.

Who is eligible for a TAG?

Your group is eligible if

- you live near one of the 1,200 sites on the National Priorities List (NPL);
- you may be affected by a release or threatened release at any facility listed on the NPL, or proposed for listing on the NPL;
- the response action at the site is underway; or
- your group demonstrates you have or will have reliable procedures for record keeping and financial accountability relating to managing your TAG.

All citizen groups must be incorporated as nonprofit organizations.

How can TAG money be used?

The bulk of TAG funds are used to hire an independent technical advisor (TA) to help you interpret and comment on site-related decisions. Examples of how a technical advisor can help your group include

- reviewing preliminary site assessment/site investigation data;
- participating in public meetings to help clarify information about site conditions; and
- visiting the site vicinity periodically during cleanup to observe progress and provide technical updates to your group.

The group can also use a TAG to hire a grant administrator to help manage and administer the grant. TAG funds can be used to purchase or rent office supplies, and to print newsletters or fact sheets to disseminate information about your site. The goal of these and other eligible TAG activities is to help improve your community's understanding of

environmental conditions and cleanup activities at Superfund sites.

What matching share is required?

A non-federal government matching share of 20 percent of the grant amount is required. You can meet this match requirement with in-kind contributions, such as donations or grants from non-federal government sources, and services provided or paid for from a source other than TAG funds. Matches can be waived under certain circumstances.

Where can I get more information?

Learn more on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/tools/tag/index.htm>;

or contact your local Environmental Protection Agency office:

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You may also call the Superfund/RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 or (703) 920-9810 in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area (for information on programs).

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