

Industry Grants

An important goal of the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) is to encourage Massachusetts manufacturing facilities to research, evaluate, implement and share information about successful toxics use reduction (TUR) projects. TUR opportunities can sometimes be difficult to assess and implement when there are upfront costs involved and the associated payback period does not meet company investment requirements. TURI offers assistance grants to qualified Massachusetts manufacturers to research, evaluate, and/or implement TUR opportunities that would otherwise not be economically feasible.

Facilities can work towards TUR using any of the six TUR techniques (see [https://www.turi.org/Our Work/Training/Toxics Use Reduction Planning/Developing Plans](https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Training/Toxics_Use_Reduction_Planning/Developing_Plans)).

Industry grants of up to \$30,000 are available.

Grant funding is limited, and awards are contingent on funding received by TURI in FY2023, which begins July 1, 2022.

Applying for an Industry Grant

Applying for an industry grant is intended to be a competitive yet simple process for Massachusetts companies. The application process begins with the submission of a completed application form. Following receipt of the application, TURI will contact the company's primary technical contact directly to gather additional information needed to make a decision. This typically includes an on-site visit to better understand the proposed project and its potential benefits, however an on-site visit in summer 2022 will depend on accessibility related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Demonstrating Your Success

Because the overarching goal of this program is to disseminate information about TUR options widely throughout the Massachusetts manufacturing universe, facilities that receive an industry grant are

Who's Eligible?

Massachusetts manufacturers that:

- Have a manufacturing facility in Massachusetts that will be the location of the grant project
- Are part of a TURA regulated sector (SIC 10-14, 20-39, 40, 44-51, 72, 73, 75, or 76)

Preference is given to companies that:

- Use listed toxic chemicals (go to [www.turi.org/Listed Chemicals](http://www.turi.org/Listed_Chemicals) for more information)
- Have at least 10 full-time employees

Successful industry grants have:

- Specific TUR benefits that can be measured and demonstrated
- Aspects that are relevant to other Massachusetts facility operations
- Enhanced the competitive advantage of the facility
- Strong support from upper management

encouraged to demonstrate their processes and share information about project elements that contributed to their TUR success.

Once awarded an industry grant, companies are expected to begin working on their TUR project such that demonstration of the fully functional new process could be conducted in a timely manner; typically this is expected to be within 6 months of completion of the project, and no more than 9 months after

the grant is awarded. TURI will provide assistance to the host facility in preparing for an on-site demonstration, including preparation of the agenda and content.

Maximizing the public outreach and recognition of an awardee's progress can be an important benefit of this program. For the on-site demonstration of the project, TURI will work with the host facility to identify attendees as well as appropriate legislators, high-level environmental officials and other dignitaries to invite to the on-site demonstrations (as the facility deems appropriate). The grantee will have final approval of any on-site visitors. Hosts may reserve the right to restrict access to

sensitive areas of their facility while providing tours of the pertinent process areas. A demonstration event would be managed under a separate contract from the grant project.



Attendees at demonstration of process water modernization and modification

Case Studies

Case studies are a valuable resource for other companies considering similar TUR in their manufacturing facilities. As part of the industry grant, the grantee is required to provide adequate information and insights from which TURI can craft a case study about the project. TURI will work collaboratively with the grantee to create the final document. The case study will be made publicly available via TURI's website (www.turi.org). A brief handout may also be created so that individuals attending the on-site demonstration have information they can bring away with them in the event the case study has not yet been completed. TURI will take the lead in crafting and finalizing the handout and the case study, with clear approval of content from the grantee.

To apply for an industry grant online, go to www.turi.org/grants

Deadline for submittal: July 22, 2022

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