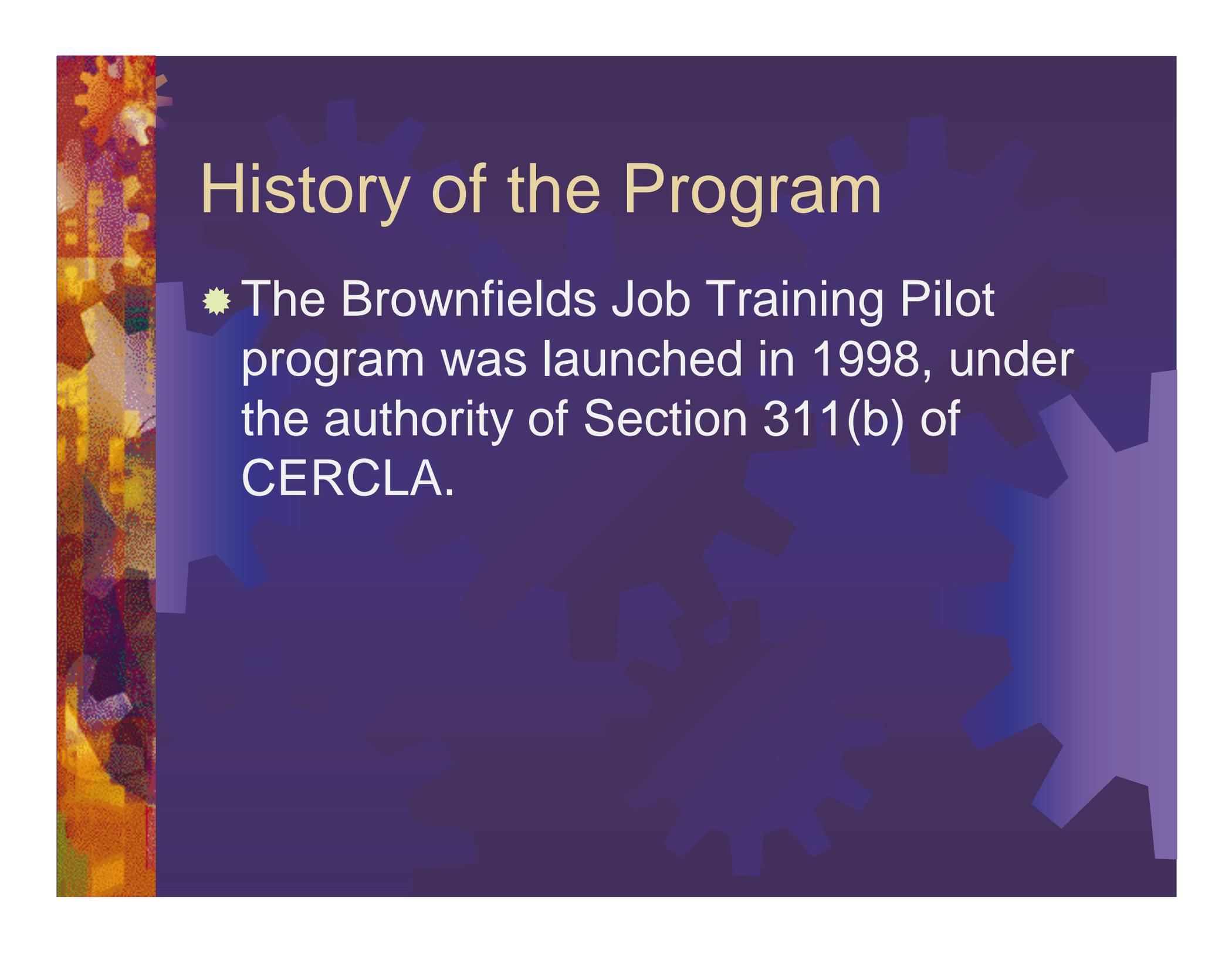


Laborers-AGC's Brownfield Program Minority Worker Training Program

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History of the Program

- ✦ The Brownfields Job Training Pilot program was launched in 1998, under the authority of Section 311(b) of CERCLA.



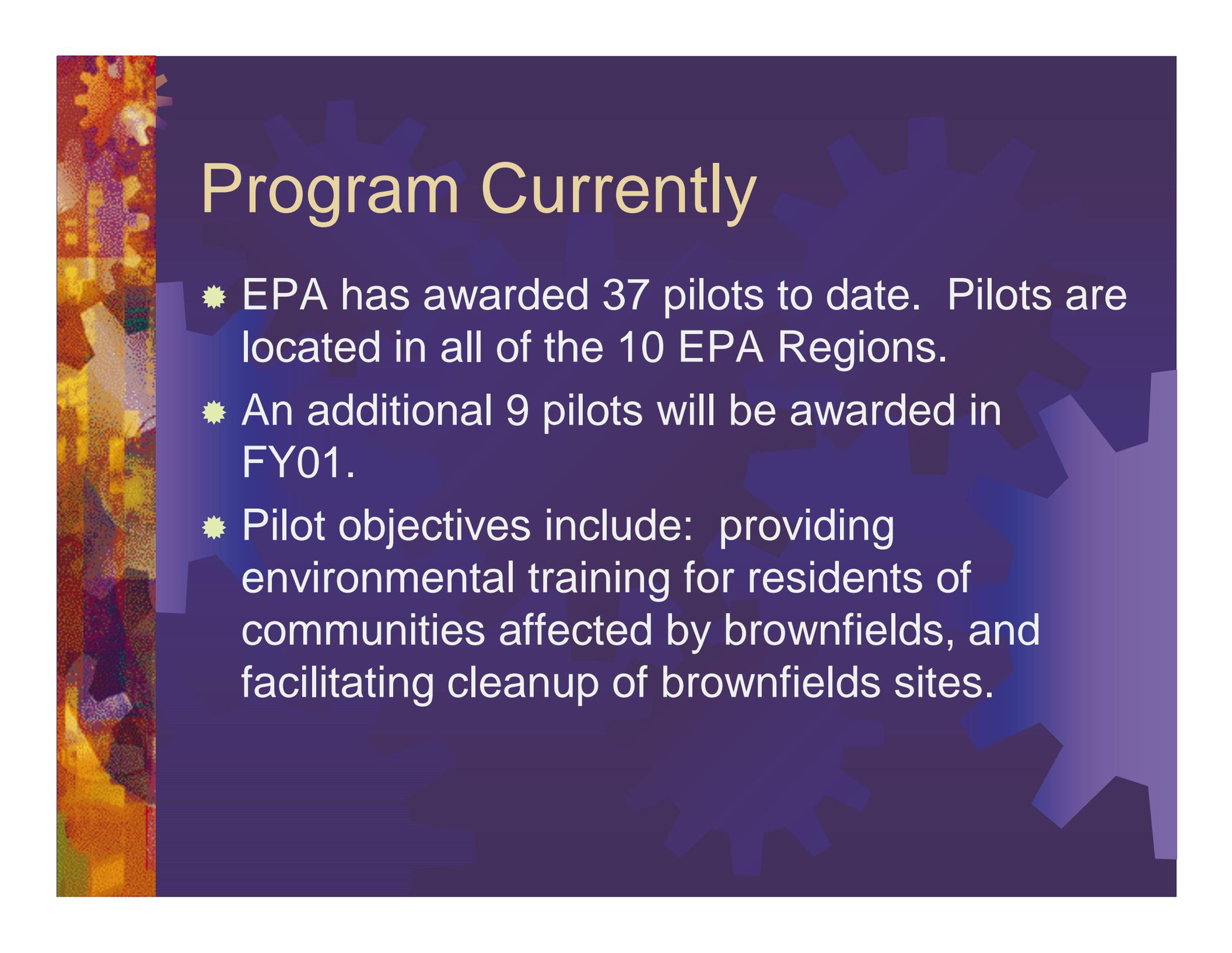
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- ✦ Training funded under this authority must be in the handling and removal of hazardous substances related to the implementation of alternative or innovative treatment technologies.



Program - continued

- ✦ Pilots are funded up to \$200,000 for up to two years. Pilots must be located within or near a Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot.
- ✦ Eligible entities include: non-profit training organizations, colleges, universities, States, counties, municipalities, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, and US Territories.



Program Currently

- ★ EPA has awarded 37 pilots to date. Pilots are located in all of the 10 EPA Regions.
- ★ An additional 9 pilots will be awarded in FY01.
- ★ Pilot objectives include: providing environmental training for residents of communities affected by brownfields, and facilitating cleanup of brownfields sites.



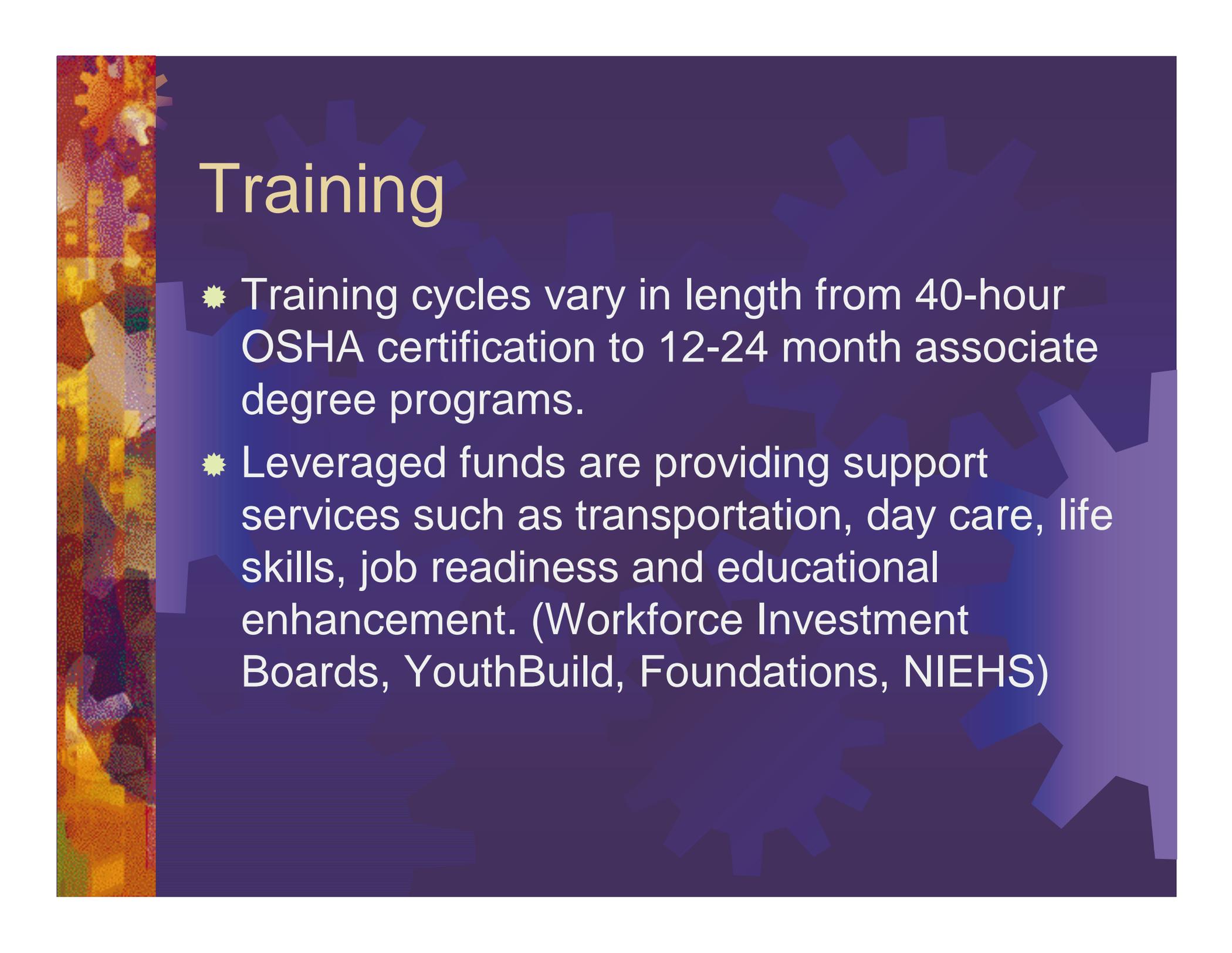
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- ✦ Pilots focus on ensuring that local communities share in short and long-term benefits of brownfields cleanup efforts and enables unemployed or underemployed residents to find sustainable employment in the environmental field.



Employment

- ✦ Average unemployment rate of target areas is over 14%.
- ✦ Based on pilot quarterly reports submitted earlier this year, over 468 graduates are employed in the environmental field at an average entry level salary of \$12.



Training

- ✦ Training cycles vary in length from 40-hour OSHA certification to 12-24 month associate degree programs.
- ✦ Leveraged funds are providing support services such as transportation, day care, life skills, job readiness and educational enhancement. (Workforce Investment Boards, YouthBuild, Foundations, NIEHS)



Partners

- ☀ Partners include: local training organizations, private sector and foundations.

- ☀ Information sources:

Epa.gov/brownfields

Hud.gov

Dol.gov

Nawb.org