



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

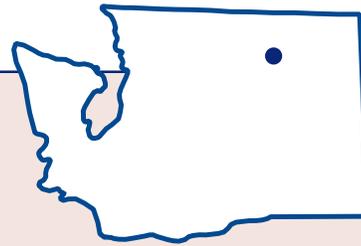
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, North Central, WA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is 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. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation was selected to receive an assessment grant. The 2,100-square-mile reservation is one of the largest reservations in the Pacific Northwest, and has been designated as a Rural Enterprise Community. Reservation residents are concerned about the environmental problems associated with illegal dumping, mining sites, and abandoned industrial facilities. The reservation is made up of small communities with a total population of 7,587, of which 60 percent are American Indian. Residents suffer from a 27 percent poverty rate and a 21 percent unemployment rate. The assessment grant



Assessment Grant

**New
2003**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for a brownfields assessment grant. The Colville Tribes will use grant funds to conduct a reservation-wide inventory, develop a quantitative site ranking system, and conduct assessments on high-priority sites. The funds will allow the tribes to create a centralized database of historical environmental records, conduct inspections of identified sites, and document this information in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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www.epa.gov/r10earth, click on "Superfund", scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation has received brownfields funding for assessment and job training grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

will allow the tribes to better document and prioritize brownfields sites in need of cleanup. The grant also will allow reservation residents recently trained in environmentally related fields to employ their education and skills in the workforce.