



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

## *East Bay Habitat for Humanity, Oakland, CA*

### **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 East Bay Habitat for Humanity was selected to receive a cleanup grant. The two-acre Edes Avenue site in the Sobrante neighborhood of the City of Oakland borders a residential and light-industrial zone with many vacant and underused properties. The neighborhood census tract is demographically very different from the City of Oakland. More than 57 percent of the residents are African American and 34 percent are Hispanic. The unemployment rate is 75 percent higher than the city rate and many more families live below the poverty level. Habitat for Humanity plans to build approximately 26 new homes for low-income families on the site. This would not only provide affordable housing to low-income buyers,



### **Cleanup Grant**

**New  
2003**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected East Bay Habitat for Humanity in the City of Oakland for a cleanup grant. The grant will be used to conduct cleanup activities at a former truck dismantling and salvage yard at 10900 Edes Avenue in the Sobrante neighborhood of the City of Oakland. The funds will be used for removal and disposal of contaminated surface soil.

### **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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, East Bay Habitat for Humanity has not received brownfields grant funding.

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

but result in a cleaner, safer community for existing residents. This project is expected to increase local property values, thereby serving as an impetus for other redevelopment in the area.