



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

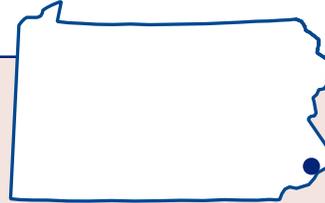
Philadelphia, PA

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 City of Philadelphia was selected to receive an assessment grant. Philadelphia is located in southeast Pennsylvania at the confluence of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers. With a population of over 1.5 million, the city is the nation's fifth largest. Philadelphia contains hundreds of abandoned or underused commercial and industrial sites with real or perceived environmental contamination. Due to the historic development of industry in the city, Philadelphia has few very large brownfield sites, but there are many small sites located adjacent to residential neighborhoods that negatively impact area residents. Nearly 23 percent of Philadelphia's residents live in poverty, and about half of the census tracts in the city are classified as low-income communities. African-Americans make



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Philadelphia for a brownfields assessment grant. The city intends to use grant funds to conduct environmental site assessments at brownfields throughout Philadelphia County, with a focus on properties in the North Delaware Riverfront area, the Port of Philadelphia, and the planned Schuylkill River Greenway. Grant funds also will be used for community involvement activities.

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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Grant Recipient: City of Philadelphia, PA
215-683-2028

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Philadelphia has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

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

up 43 percent of the city's population, Hispanics almost 9 percent, and nearly 5 percent of the population is of Asian descent.