



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

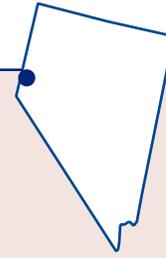
Reno Redevelopment Agency, NV

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 Reno Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a cleanup grant. Reno grew up around the Transcontinental Railroad as the last stop before the tracks climbed the mountains on the way to California. The city's downtown is underlain with contaminated soil and groundwater, which is hindering redevelopment efforts and contributing to urban sprawl. The city has targeted a site that will become part of the planned Reno Event Center, a state-of-the-art multipurpose event hall. The neighborhood surrounding the planned center has a population of 2,946 and a poverty rate of about 20 percent. Per capita income is only \$15,454, compared to \$26,114 citywide. Shallow groundwater



Cleanup Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Reno Redevelopment Agency for a cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used for cleanup activities at the Sage Motel Parcel, a vacant site used previously for automotive maintenance and service. The soil and groundwater are contaminated with PCE.

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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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Reno Redevelopment Agency 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.

below the site is within the capture zone of local drinking-water wells. Cleanup and redevelopment of the site will improve groundwater quality and attract new investments that will help spur Reno's faltering economy. Neighborhood advisory boards and other community-based groups will continue to be involved in the project.