



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

*Contra Costa County
Redevelopment Agency,
Rodeo, 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 Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The redevelopment agency is focusing on the Rodeo Waterfront area. Rodeo is an unincorporated community of 8,700 along San Pablo Bay in the San Francisco Bay area. The waterfront once was one of the San Francisco Bay area's premier fishing and boating locations, providing Rodeo with a strong economic base and community center. Perceived environmental contamination has resulted in deterioration of the waterfront and the local economy. The site assessments are a first step in the revitalization of Rodeo's waterfront. The Contra Costa Redevelopment Agency, formed in part to help revitalize this area, began



Assessment Grant

New
2003

*\$100,000 for hazardous substances
\$100,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II investigations of sites potentially contaminated with petroleum or hazardous substances in the Rodeo Waterfront area. The sites may have been contaminated by historic industrial and automotive-related uses.

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, Contra Costa County 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.

working with the Rodeo community in 1997. A task force of community members, local businesses, regulatory agencies, and developers was formed to plan and implement a revitalization strategy for the waterfront. The redevelopment agency plans to continue to collaborate with stakeholders to ensure that redevelopment of the waterfront will serve the local Rodeo community and become a regional asset.