



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Bellflower, 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, the President 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 Bellflower was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Bellflower is a mostly urban city of approximately 78,000 residents in Los Angeles County. The city has a significant minority population, primarily African-American and Hispanic. Like the rest of Los Angeles County, Bellflower is experiencing a tremendous housing shortage. The city seeks to redevelop brownfields sites in two target areas in its downtown area. Approximately 31,361 people live within one mile of the two target areas, 15,682 of whom have low or moderate incomes. Most of these low- and moderate-income families reside in multi-family rental housing. Another vacant parking lot



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bellflower to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to fund a Phase III petroleum assessment at a vacant parking lot. Phase I and II assessments at the site identified petroleum contamination, and the city is requiring further assessment before moving forward with purchase of the site.

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

site will be developed into 15 affordable single-family homes to address the dire need for affordable housing in the city.