



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Cookeville, TN

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 Cookeville was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Cookeville (population 26,000) is located in Putnam County along U.S. Highway 70. The two auto salvage yards targeted for assessment occupy a total of 55 acres on either side of the highway in census tracts with poverty rates of over 33 percent, the highest in the county. More than 50 percent of the city's minority population lives in the neighborhoods adjacent to the salvage yards. Redevelopment of the yards is expected to bring affordable housing and commercial development to the area, raising the standard of living for community residents by promoting home ownership and creating new jobs.

Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Cookeville for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct a city-wide inventory of potential brownfields, perform Phase I and Phase II assessments and remediation planning at two automobile salvage facilities, conduct community outreach, and prepare an economic development study.

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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<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm>

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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.