



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Fort Worth Opportunity Center, TX

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 Fort Worth Opportunity Center (FWOC) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The target site is occupied by an abandoned structure once used to package chemical standards for sale to commercial laboratories and medical facilities. It is part of the FWOC facility in a section of the old central city community of Fort Worth. Almost half of the central city community's 66,000 residents in the affected area are African-American and 19 percent are Hispanic. Unemployment in the target area is above 10 percent, and more than 20 percent of area residents live below the poverty level. Redeveloping this site will allow FWOC to expand its job skills training programs and



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Fort Worth Opportunity Center (FWOC) for a brownfields cleanup grant. The cleanup grant will be used to clean up hazardous substances contamination on the former Anderson Laboratories, Inc. property at 5901 Fitzhugh Avenue. This site will be used to expand the FWOC, a workforce development initiative.

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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revenues. Offering these skills to residents of the target area and Fort Worth is expected to help break the cycle of poverty and prevent neighborhood decline. Trainees will be able to command livable wages, thereby increasing their ability to purchase goods and services, and bolstering the local economy.