



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

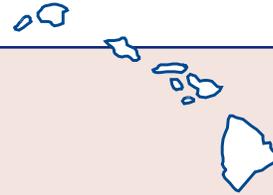
Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

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 Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The target community is the entire State of Hawaii (population 1,244,898). Hawaii comprises six main islands, each with a history of industrial and agricultural use of hazardous materials dating back to the early 1800s. Hawaii is the most ethnically diverse state in the nation. Each island has an uneven distribution of jobs and wealth, resulting in pockets of poverty in neighborhoods with brownfields. Up to 30 percent of residents in some neighborhoods



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds and petroleum grant funds will both be used to inventory potential brownfields statewide, perform Phase I and II environmental assessments, and develop cleanup plans for two or three sites. Funds also will be used for community outreach and involvement.

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, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

on the Big Island (County of Hawaii) live in poverty. The target communities—rural areas with industrial and agricultural facilities, urban, mixed-use industrial areas, and working harbor and waterfront areas—will benefit by assessment and cleanup of brownfields that are expected to attract new businesses and jobs to disadvantaged communities, make redevelopment more competitive, and protect agricultural land and publicly valued open space.