



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Oshkosh, WI

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 Oshkosh was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Oshkosh (population 62,916) has a long history of manufacturing and industrial operations along the banks of the Fox River on the western edge of Lake Winnebago. In an area where manufacturing accounts for more than 22 percent of jobs, the recent downsizing and closure of several manufacturing facilities has significantly affected many of Oshkosh's residents. Both cleanup sites are located in a census tract (population 5,825) where 65 percent of households are low- to moderate-income. Approximately 11 percent of the residents in the target area are minorities, and 7.3 percent are unemployed. Cleanup of the WPS property will allow



Cleanup Grants

New
2004

\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Oshkosh to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used for cleanup activities at the Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) property at 305 Ceape Avenue and 10 Court Street, site of a former manufactured gas plant, and at part of the former Wisconsin Automated Machinery (WAM) property at 123 Jackson Street. The WAM property is part of the Marion Road Redevelopment Area.

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.

for the expansion of Riverside Park, enabling increased recreational and cultural events in the neighborhood. The WAM property will be redeveloped for residential use. Cleanup and redevelopment of these properties also will provide a visual and social connection between the city's central district and the University of Wisconsin, the neighborhoods on either side of the redevelopment area.