



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Salmon Urban Renewal Agency, ID

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 Salmon Urban Renewal Agency was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The City of Salmon, with a population of 3,122, is a remote and rugged area that once was an important region for logging, mining, and agriculture. With 93 percent of the land owned by the federal government, the city is now dependent upon recreation and tourism. Countywide, unemployment is 7.6 percent (compared to Idaho's 5 percent), and the poverty rate is 20.2 percent. The Salmon and Lemhi Rivers are important recreational fisheries and home to several species of endangered and threatened bull trout, sockeye salmon, and wild steelhead. Cleanup and redevelopment of the Beasley Site will increase tourism through the capture of "drive-through" visitors, as well as remove a



Cleanup Grant

New
2004

\$92,500 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Salmon Urban Renewal Agency for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum funds will be used to excavate and remove soil from the Beasley Site, which will become part of the Town Square Park. This 2.5-acre public park provides access to the Salmon River. The site, which was used by gas stations for 30 years, became contaminated from leaking underground storage tanks. Remediation of the soil will prevent migration of the contamination to the Salmon River, and permit the development of the park. The site will provide the major access to the park, as well as space for a visitor's center, public parking, and the Chamber of Commerce. Once redeveloped, Town Square Park will link the downtown to other community facilities, including Island Park, museums, a senior center, city hall, and trailheads to the Salmon River.

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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www.epa.gov/r10earth, click on "Superfund," scroll down to "Related Programs" and click on "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.

significant risk of contamination to the Salmon River. Cleanup of the site, located on Main Street within the Salmon Urban Renewal District, is a key component of the city and county's revitalization efforts.