



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

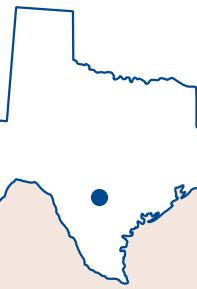
San Antonio, TX

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 City of San Antonio was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. About 47,381 of San Antonio's 1,144,646 residents live in the target areas. The city has the 25th highest poverty rate of cities nationwide, with 17.3 percent of its residents living in poverty. Of the eight target areas, five are either within a federally-designated Empowerment Zone or are designated Empowerment Zone developable sites. All of these areas have high poverty rates ranging from 35 to 82 percent. There are 57 identified petroleum storage tank sites in the target area, and 41 more sites are believed to be former gas stations. The goals of the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization program are to support economic reinvestment in targeted urban



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of San Antonio to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform six Phase I or Phase II site assessments at petroleum-contaminated former gas station sites within eight targeted business districts, which are part of the city's Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization program. Grant funds will also be used to prepare six cleanup plans and to conduct community outreach activities.

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.

business districts, create employment opportunities in the inner city, and improve the physical appearance of the targeted areas. Redevelopment of brownfields will provide additional tools and resources for inner city revitalization, and put these sites back into productive use.