



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

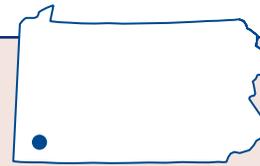
## *West-to-West Coalition, Inc., Monongahela River Valley, PA*

### 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 West-to-West Coalition was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The Coalition represents 21 local governments in Western Pennsylvania's Monongahela River Valley, with a combined population of approximately 134,000. Five of the municipalities are federal Enterprise Communities. For years, the banks of the river were lined with steelmaking operations and other heavy industry. As a result of the collapse of the steel industry, the region lost 54 percent of its manufacturing jobs, and the real property tax base fell 75



### Assessment Grant

**New  
2004**

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

EPA has selected the West-to-West Coalition for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform approximately 15 Phase II assessments of properties contaminated with hazardous substances, and for community outreach. Petroleum funds will be used to perform between six and eight Phase II assessments of properties contaminated with petroleum.

### 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](http://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.

percent. Although the area-wide minority rate is approximately 19 percent, more than 45 percent of residents in the heavily impacted former industrial communities are minorities. Redevelopment of brownfields is expected to help the coalition stimulate sustained economic growth, create new jobs, and address environmental justice issues.