



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

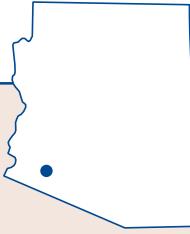
## Yuma County, AZ

### 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

Yuma County was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. A rural county in southwest Arizona, Yuma is a federally designated Arizona Border Region Rural Enterprise Community. A majority of the county's 165,280 residents are Hispanic, and nearly 20 percent have incomes below the poverty line, compared to 13.2 percent for Arizona as a whole. Yuma County's unemployment rate is 24.4 percent, which is five times the state average. Closure of the archery range has significantly reduced community income derived from recreational use of the site in the target area (population 1,000). In addition to returning the site to recreational use, cleanup is expected to create jobs, provide economic stimulus, and contribute to Yuma County's tax base.



### Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Yuma County for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to clean up high concentrations of lead in the soil at the Adair Park Archery Range. The grant also will encourage community involvement. In the 1800s, the site was a silver mill and adjacent tailings disposal area. Yuma County will use a combination of excavation, capping, and institutional controls to restore public access to the park and archery range, which has been closed since 2000. Reopening the park is expected to bring an economic return of \$100,000 to the community annually.

### 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.