



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Toledo, OH

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, President George W. Bush 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. The job training grants provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to prepare them for employment in the assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Toledo was selected to receive a job training grant. A significant portion of Toledo (population 370,579) is a federally designated Enterprise Community (EC), which encompasses the distressed neighborhoods this grant will focus on. The EC contains the majority of brownfields in the city and a significant percentage of the city's minority populations. The average poverty rate of residents in the EC is 25%, which is double the city's average poverty rate. Brownfields redevelopment activities include a city project to remediate a 125-acre former coal-fired



Job Training Grants

\$150,000

EPA has selected the City of Toledo for a job training grant. Toledo plans to train 80 students, graduate and place 85% of program participants, and track students for one year. The four-week, 160-hour training program will be offered at Owens Community College. The curriculum will include a 30-hour OSHA general industry course, 40-hour HAZWOPER training and certification, Ohio's asbestos abatement worker training and certification, lead abatement training, and optional Commercial Driver's License training. Students will be recruited from Toledo neighborhoods with high concentrations of unemployment and poverty. Placement in environmental jobs will be facilitated through a job fair with prospective employers and through the services of the Owens Community College Job Placement Office.

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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power generating plant, a plan to conduct lead abatement in 400 homes in the EC, the upcoming \$800 million renovation of 64 public school buildings, and increased brownfields assessments and cleanups resulting from the city's EPA grant awards. These projects are expected to result in high demand for skilled environmental workers, making the employment outlook for graduates of the job training program very promising.