



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## Leavenworth, KS

### 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. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Leavenworth was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Leavenworth, with a population of 35,420, includes the oldest manufacturing center in Kansas. Historically, the area included two coal mines, a power plant, a coal gasification plant, and several other industries. However, these industries left the area, and most of their former facilities have since been removed or targeted for restoration. Today, approximately 30 percent of the residents in this target area live below the poverty level, and minorities make up about 30 percent of its population. The cleanup site, the Great Western Stove Company/Tire Town property, is located on two blocks in the area. The site was used as a stove company, which manufactured iron casting,

### Cleanup Grant

New  
2005

**\$100,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the City of Leavenworth for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the Great Western Stove Company/Tire Town site, which includes coal and gas residue, foundry and enameling residue, polish and varnish residue, batteries, oil stains, solvents, latex, rail yard waste, asbestos, and lead-based paint.

### 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.

chrome and porcelain kilns, and paint processes for 60 years, beginning in 1878. More recently, it has been used as a warehouse and used tire dealer. The city plans to clean up and redevelop the site with housing units and space for retail, hotel, and office use. Redevelopment will create jobs; remove economic barriers, environmental contaminants, and blighted conditions; preserve the property's historic character; and connect two city parks.