



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Ohio Department of Development*

### 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 Ohio Department of Development was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The communities selected for this project are located across the State of Ohio (population 11,353,140). They represent highly distressed areas with numerous abandoned small and large brownfields sites belonging to industries in decline, including mining, timber, pottery and steel. These areas have all suffered from disinvestment, population losses, and rising poverty rates. Since 2000, Ohio has lost approximately 230,000 jobs, including 160,000 in the manufacturing sector. In the Appalachian region, per capita income is 30 percent lower than the state per capita. The poverty rates in Akron, Cincinnati, and Dayton are 17.5, 21.9, and 23 percent, respectively. These rates are even higher



### Revolving Loan Fund Grant



#### \$4,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Ohio Department of Development for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Ohio Department of Development coalition will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites in areas contaminated with hazardous substances. Coalition partners include the Cities of Akron, Cincinnati, and Dayton, and the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District.

### 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.

within the minority neighborhoods. Assessment and cleanup of the brownfields will help reduce the potential threat to human health in areas that depend on groundwater as a source of drinking water, and the threat to the safety of those in areas where the sites are used for illegal or criminal activity. Redevelopment is expected to help reverse the employment trends in Ohio and jumpstart a recovery which is lagging behind the rest of the nation.