



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Sacramento County, CA

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 Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Within Sacramento (population 1,200,000), there are seven target areas that contain a number of vacant and underutilized commercial and industrial properties. These communities are also challenged by declining housing stocks, poverty, unemployment, substance abuse, and crime. When the McClellan Air Force Base closed, a large percentage of area residents lost their jobs. Other neighborhoods have seen a decline since the completion of Highway 99, which drew traffic away from the area. These racially diverse neighborhoods have lower median household incomes and higher poverty levels



Assessment Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to inventory petroleum brownfields, conduct community outreach workshops for owners of petroleum brownfields sites, and complete up to 20 Phase I and five Phase II site assessments.

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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than the county as a whole. They are suspected to contain numerous brownfields, including former auto repair shops, transportation operations, storage yards, gas stations, and shopping centers with dry cleaners. Brownfields assessment will stimulate redevelopment of smaller, privately owned parcels through an outreach effort providing one-on-one consultation. This redevelopment will increase property values and help bring economic revitalization to target neighborhoods.