



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency, 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 Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a revolving loan fund grant. The City of Santa Cruz (population 54,600) is situated approximately 75 miles south of San Francisco on the California coastline. Since its founding in 1791, the city has been the urban center of Santa Cruz County, providing employment and commercial, governmental, social, educational, and cultural services to the larger area. Factories and production facilities have been part of the community throughout Santa Cruz's history. The most recent national economic recession and the effects of foreign trade have had a negative impact on



Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the City of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. All but one of the potential cleanup sites are in the city's Merged Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction Redevelopment Project Area.

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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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

the city. From 2001 to 2003, the closure of three manufacturing plants has resulted in the loss of over 1,500 jobs. The city has identified 49 brownfields sites that require monitoring or remediation as a result of past industrial and commercial activities. Twenty-one of the 49 sites are in two census tracts with significantly higher concentrations of minority populations than the city and where the poverty rate is 27 percent.

The revolving loan fund grant represents an opportunity for the city to address properties which would otherwise be left untouched because of the environmental regulatory issues and financial hurdles that need to be overcome.