



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

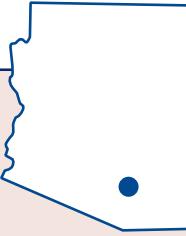
South Tucson, AZ

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 South Tucson was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. South Tucson (population 5,490) encompasses an area of just over one square mile and is surrounded by the City of Tucson. The entire City of South Tucson lies within the Tucson/Pima County/ South Tucson federally designated Empowerment Zone. The community is 82 percent Hispanic and ten percent Native American. It retains a unique cultural identity even though it is located less than one mile from downtown Tucson. South Tucson's unemployment rate is 2.5 times the national average and 43 percent of families live below the poverty level. Only 41 percent of city residents hold a high school diploma. Recent revitalization efforts in downtown Tucson have renewed interest in



Assessment Grant

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\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of South Tucson for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to identify sites, conduct community involvement activities, and perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments at sites along the city's commercial corridors. *The City of South Tucson 1999 Comprehensive Plan* indicates that nearly 21 percent of the city's total land area is occupied by potential brownfields.

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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index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html)

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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.

reinvesting in the City of South Tucson. However, nearly 21 percent of the city's total land area is occupied by potential brownfields. These properties, which include salvage yards, vacant lots, tire shops, gas stations, and other auto-related businesses, are dispersed throughout the city. Assessment of these brownfields will help overcome the stigma attached to the sites. Cleanup of brownfields along the city's commercial corridors will promote development and business growth which, in turn, is expected to create jobs, provide economic stimuli to surrounding areas, and contribute to the city's tax base.