



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

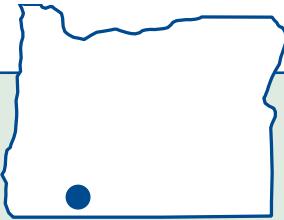
## *Medford Urban Renewal Agency, OR*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders 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 Medford Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The area targeted for brownfields assessments comprises eight contiguous city blocks known as the Middleford Commons Redevelopment Area and lies along Highway 99 in the City of Medford (population 70,855). Originally developed as part of the main highway between Seattle and Los Angeles, the area was historically developed by industries serving the automobile industry. The area has a high unemployment rate, an above-average high-school drop-out rate, and a poverty level that is over 25 percent. Its current uses include three auto dealerships, a heavy truck



### Assessment Grant

**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Medford Urban Renewal Agency for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform Phase I environmental site assessments and approximately eight Phase II site assessments in the Middleford Commons Redevelopment Area in downtown Medford. Funds also will be used for community outreach and cleanup planning.

### 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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<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/bf>

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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.

repair facility, a small number of retail establishments, and many small offices located in former vehicle service facilities. Brownfields assessment and eventual cleanup will help remove the contamination stigma from the brownfields and provide opportunities for redevelopment. When brownfields are revitalized, they will be used for parks and office, commercial, and residential space. Brownfields redevelopment will create vibrant mixed-use neighborhoods.