



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

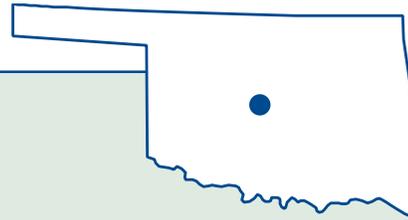
## Oklahoma City, OK

### 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 City of Oklahoma City was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and a brownfields cleanup grant. Oklahoma City (population 528,040) is a federally designated Enterprise Zone (EZ) and Empowerment Community. In 2001, nearly 1,000 brownfields were inventoried within the city. The target community, within the 19-square-mile EZ, is characterized by prolonged disinvestment, in large part due to minimal redevelopment. Currently, many old vacant structures, undeveloped land used for dumping, and industrial facilities abut schools, playgrounds, parks, and occupied family residences. The brownfields in the community have contributed to economic decline. The poverty and unemployment rates in the area are 40 and 12 percent, respectively. Nearly 60 percent of residents are minorities. Assessment and



### Assessment Grant

New  
2006

**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Oklahoma City for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to create an inventory of brownfields sites, perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments, conduct community outreach and involvement, and develop cleanup plans for sites around Oklahoma City.

### Cleanup Grant

New  
2006

**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Oklahoma City for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the property at the southeast corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Sheridan Avenue, the designated home of the new Oklahoma City Bricktown Fire Station. Since the 1920s, the property has been used for a variety of industrial purposes, including oil-field production and processing, an asphalt plant, and a railroad siding. Analyses indicate that soil and groundwater at the site are contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons.

### 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.

eventual cleanup of the brownfields sites will provide the city with the means to revitalize residential and commercial properties and improve recreational and open space areas. Cleanup and redevelopment of the designated fire station site is expected to encourage business development in the area and provide rapid emergency support for local residents.