



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

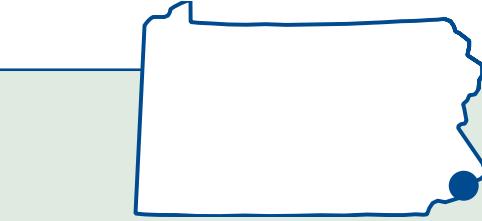
Philadelphia, PA

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 Philadelphia was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Philadelphia (population 1,517,550) is a federally recognized Empowerment Zone and Renewal Community and the fifth largest city in the country. More than half of Philadelphia's residents are minorities, and nearly 23 percent of the population live below the poverty level. The city has many small brownfields, often located next to residential neighborhoods. Many low-income and minority communities in the city are disproportionately impacted by brownfields sites. Abandoned and underutilized properties have hindered economic development, and impacted the human and economic health of the city. Once brownfields sites have been assessed and prioritized for redevelopment, the city will begin cleanup and reuse planning activities.



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Philadelphia for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments and perform community outreach. Ten percent of the assessment grant funds will be reserved for the creation of greenspace.

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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<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/index.htm>

Grant Recipient: City of Philadelphia, PA
215-683-2028

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

Brownfields redevelopment will initiate economic revitalization, provide housing, create employment opportunities, contribute to the tax base, and provide a sense of community.