



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

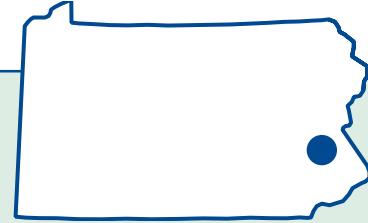
Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, PA

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 Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. LVEDC operates in Lehigh and Northampton Counties (population 579,156), and is targeting the Cities of Bethlehem and Easton, and the Boroughs of Bangor, Slatington, and Emmaus (combined population 118,658) for its brownfields efforts. These communities have been negatively impacted by the decline of numerous industries in the area, such as



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to expand LVEDC's inventory of brownfield sites and to conduct about six Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to implement community outreach activities.

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 steel industry; heavy manufacturing; slate production; and textile weaving, cutting, and dyeing. The targeted communities generally have higher unemployment and poverty rates, and lower than average household incomes than their respective counties. Eventual brownfields cleanup and redevelopment will reduce threats to human health and the environment and is anticipated to increase employment opportunities, while expanding the tax base in the targeted communities and surrounding areas.