



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Jackson, MS

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 Jackson was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Jackson's population (179,302) has been declining steadily since 1990. More than 60 percent of city residents live in areas that receive Community Development Block Grant funding and that the city is targeting for redevelopment. Jackson encompasses a large, federally designated Enterprise Community, where numerous brownfields have been identified. The city's brownfields database lists 147 potential sites that total over 750 acres. They include former laundry facilities, industrial properties, and gas stations. Nearly 90 percent of target area residents are minorities, 39 percent live below the poverty level, and 11 percent are unemployed. Assessment of Jackson's brownfields will help remove the stigma that prevents these sites



Assessment Grants



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Jackson for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform up to eight Phase I and II environmental site assessments, develop a quality assurance plan, and support community outreach activities for sites in the target areas. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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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from being redeveloped. Brownfields redevelopment will create new businesses and jobs, enhance property values, and remove potential health hazards.