



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

First Tennessee Development District, Northeast Tennessee

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 First Tennessee Development District (FTDD) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northeastern Tennessee, FTDD serves the Counties of Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington (combined population 475,412). Hancock County and a portion of Hawkins County are federally designated Enterprise Communities. Closings and layoffs at area manufacturing plants have resulted in the loss of numerous jobs. The region's poverty and unemployment rates exceed state and national averages. Thirty-

Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the First Tennessee Development District (FTDD) for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct ten Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments in FTDD's eight-county region. Grant funds also will be used to support 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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one brownfields have been identified in the region, all with underground storage tanks. The average size of these sites is less than one acre. FTDD is working to return brownfield sites located in business districts to productive use. Assessment and eventual cleanup of these sites will remove petroleum contamination, making the environment safer for area residents and more attractive to developers and investors. Redevelopment is expected to facilitate new job growth, increase tax revenues, and curb urban sprawl.