



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Ohio Department of Development

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 Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Ohio (population 11,353,140) contains 21 communities that have federal designations, including Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities. The ODOD is targeting abandoned gas stations for funding. As highways were constructed, small communities were cut off from regular traffic, resulting in the closure and abandonment of gas stations throughout the state. The Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Removal, ODOD's partner in this project, is aware of 344 suspected or confirmed releases of petroleum with no responsible party to perform cleanup. There are



Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances
\$1,000,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the ODOD will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with petroleum and hazardous substances. The ODOD will partner with the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Removal in the cleanup of former gas stations around the state, and with the City of Hamilton in the cleanup of hazardous substances contamination in the city.

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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another 177 properties with abandoned tanks and no responsible party to perform removal. For sites contaminated with hazardous substances, ODOD is targeting the City of Hamilton, an urban community with a declining industrial economy. The city is a

federally designated Renewal Community. Hamilton has identified 1.5 million square feet of underused and potentially contaminated properties. Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment will help protect human health and the environment, stimulate local economies, create jobs, and increase property values.