



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

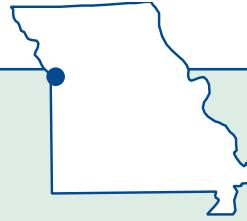
Kansas City Port Authority, Jackson and Cass Counties, MO

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 Kansas City Port Authority was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. The Port Authority has targeted sites within the former Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base (RGAFB) for cleanup. The 1,200-acre base is located 18 miles south of downtown Kansas City in Jackson and Cass Counties. The communities most closely impacted by RGAFB's brownfields are Belton (population 21,745), located south of the base, and Grandview (population



Cleanup Grants



\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Kansas City Port Authority for two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, design a cleanup plan, conduct cleanup activities, and monitor institutional controls for the Northeast Landfill and the South Coterminous Area at the former Richards-Gebaur Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) property. Contaminants of concern include volatile organic compounds and unknown landfill hazardous waste. Funds also will be used to perform the same tasks at the former Richards-Gebaur Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) site. There are about 45 structures on this former military installation that may be contaminated with hazardous substances.

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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24,967), located northeast of the base. Belton experienced a 139 percent increase in its Latino population between 1990 and 2000. Grandview is an inner-ring

suburb where the African-American and Latino populations doubled and the poverty rate increased by 25 percent during the same period. Kansas City (population 441,545), which is a federal Enterprise Community and Empowerment Zone, and these two suburbs have been negatively impacted by RGAFB's closure and realignment. Cleanup of the two sites will help remove the blight and health risks associated with the properties and advance the public-private initiative to redevelop the base. Revitalization plans include a state-of-the-art intermodal distribution facility and a light-industrial and commercial complex. This project is expected to yield up to \$500 million in new private and public investment.