



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Tucson, AZ

### 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 Tucson was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Tucson (population 486,699) includes a federally designated Empowerment Zone. It also includes numerous brownfields, such as former gas stations, dry cleaners, automotive repair shops, railroad facilities, abandoned warehouses, and industrial sites. The target site is in an area with established neighborhoods that include high-density residential and commercial properties, and an extensive college student population. The area has a mix of low-to-moderate income residents, 39 percent of whom are minorities. Today, the site is unavailable for public use because of the continued concern about exposure to toxic metals. Cleanup of the site will remove the threat to human health and the environ-



### Cleanup Grant



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

EPA has selected the City of Tucson for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the 29-acre Painted Hills Natural Resources Park. This mine-scarred land is the site of a former tungsten ore mill that operated during World War II. Contaminants of concern include metals, such as cadmium. Funds also will be used to conduct 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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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ment, and eventually transform an eyesore into a community asset. The city plans to revitalize the site as part of a county-wide trail system that preserves a greenbelt linking important recreational facilities throughout the city.