



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

*Fremont
Redevelopment
Agency, CA*

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 Fremont Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located near the central California coast just southeast of San Francisco Bay, Fremont (population 210,387) is redeveloping its historic Niles District. This once vibrant commercial district with a rich railroad heritage has experienced a decline in rail traffic and agricultural and industrial employment. Niles Square, an abandoned rail yard, is one of about 276 known contaminated sites that impede economic development in Fremont. The



Cleanup Grant

New
2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Fremont Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 5.3-acre Niles Square property at 37592 Niles Boulevard. Previous assessments of the property have found elevated levels of heavy metals and co-mingled petroleum products in the soil.

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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majority of Fremont residents speak a language other than English at home. Post-clean-up redevelopment plans for the Niles Square site include a central plaza with mixed-use retail and new and affordable housing units. The envisioned plaza would serve as a community gathering place that attracts investment and new jobs, and enhances tax revenues.