



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Tulare 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 Tulare Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in the Central San Joaquin Valley, Tulare's (population 52,000) economy is driven by the agriculture industry. One-third of city residents are employed in farm or agricultural services. Nearly 21 percent of residents live below the poverty level, and only 8.2 percent of the adult population has a college degree or higher, as compared to 26.6 percent for the state. Tulare identified nine sites covering more than 100 acres with known or suspected contamination. Cleanup of the



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Tulare Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the 5.18-acre Imperial Anchor Pallet property, once part of 4266 South K Street. The site was used for the storage, repair and recycling of pallets. Following a fire in 1985, more than 600 55-gallon drums used for the storage and dumping of hazardous waste were discovered at the site. Chemicals of concern include volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. 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.

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Imperial Anchor Pallet parcel will remove the health and safety risks associated with the site and make it available for redevelopment. Reuse of the site will create much-needed employment opportunities and increase city revenues.