



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Caldwell, ID

### 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 Caldwell was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Caldwell (population 41,000) was once the economic hub of southwestern Idaho's Western Treasure Valley region. During the last half of the 20th Century, the downtown area lost much of its economic vitality, due in part to the migration of businesses to nearby Boise's regional shopping areas and business districts. The City of Caldwell and outlying areas have the largest percentage of Hispanic residents in Idaho, currently estimated to be over 30 percent. Numerous vacant and underused properties, including 70 substandard structures and 30 vacant buildings, line the streets of the city's central downtown core, contributing to the area's blight and disinvestment. Groundwater chemical data collected under an EPA petroleum assessment grant revealed the presence of



### Assessment Grant



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

EPA has selected the City of Caldwell for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments to determine the lateral and vertical extent of contamination in soil and groundwater beneath the city center. Grant 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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chlorinated solvents across a broad area of the city's Indian Creek revitalization area. Once the extent of this contamination is fully assessed, the city can move forward with plans to redevelop this area into a multi-use commercial, cultural, and recreational corridor that will create jobs and spur additional investment in the city's downtown core.