



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

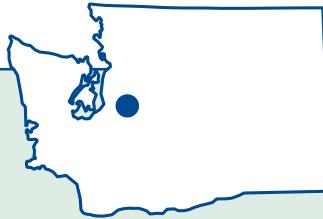
King County, WA

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

King County was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in western Washington, King County (population 1,808,300) includes a federally designated Enterprise Community in the City of Seattle. The county is focusing its brownfields efforts in its three manufacturing and industrial centers (MICs), and several cities, including Bothell, Seattle, Shoreline, Pacific, and Vashon. The MICs are the principal areas of historic contamination in the county. The poverty and unemployment rates and the percentages of minority residents in and around some of these neighborhoods are significantly higher than the county averages. There are 910 identified contaminated sites in the county, and the impact of brownfields is widespread. Sites are generally small in size, and many are



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected King County for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct two to three Phase I and two to three Phase II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used for community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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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close to residential neighborhoods. Potential future site uses include greenspace and residential, commercial, and industrial facilities. Brownfields redevelopment will create family-wage jobs, contribute to tax bases, and increase property values.