



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

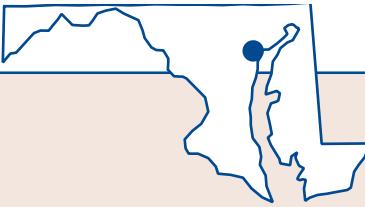
Civic Works, Baltimore, MD

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development 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. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Civic Works was selected to receive a job training grant. Civic Works, a non-profit service organization, is based in the City of Baltimore, a federal Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community with a population of



Job Training Grant

\$200,000

EPA has selected Civic Works for a job training grant. Civic Works plans to train 40 students, place 30 graduates in environmental jobs, and track students for one year. The training program will provide 250 hours of classroom and hands-on training. Trainees will receive certification training in lead, asbestos, and mold abatement, HAZWOPER, OSHA construction safety, confined space operations, and hazardous materials packaging and handling. The primary trainer will be Civic Works in partnership with EA Engineering, Science, and Technology and the Maryland Department of the Environment. Students will be recruited from among Baltimore's unemployed and underemployed residents. Preference will be given to disadvantaged populations, such as minorities, which represent 68 percent of the city's population, as well as military veterans. Civic Works' staff will work directly with employers to place graduates in environmental jobs.

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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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

635,815. The decline of Baltimore's manufacturing industry has resulted in a loss of half of the city's manufacturing jobs in the past 20 years. The city's 23 percent poverty rate and 7.5 percent unemployment rate reflect this decline. Abandoned factories and warehouses litter the city's neighborhoods and commercial districts. Many of the city's brownfields, of which 61 are three acres or more in size, are on its industrial waterfront, potentially impacting the Chesapeake Bay. With at least 13 brownfields projects currently underway and many more sites to address, the demand for environmental laborers will continue for many years.