



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Los Angeles Conservation Corps, CA

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

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps was selected to receive a job training grant. The grant will target residents of Los Angeles' federally designated Empowerment Zone (population 221,595) and Urban Renewal



Job Training Grant

\$200,000

EPA has selected the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) for a job training grant. LACC plans to train 60 individuals, place 48 in environmental remediation jobs, and track graduates for one year. The training program will consist of 230 hours of course work, including HAZWOPER, lead and asbestos abatement, and training in environmental technologies and Cal-OSHA industry standards. LACC and North Orange County Community College District will provide most of the training. Local WorkSource Centers and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services will recruit trainees from the City of Los Angeles' Empowerment Zone. LACC will work with local WorkSource Centers and prospective employers on the Brownfields Advisory Board 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.

Community, with a particular focus on the communities of Pacoima, Wilmington, and South Central Los

Angeles. The poverty and unemployment rates for the census tracts that make up the Empowerment Zone are 41 percent and 19 percent, respectively. There are thousands of potentially contaminated vacant and underused properties in Los Angeles, many of which are located along commercial and industrial corridors. The location of these properties makes their economic potential very high. Three of the city's major brownfields redevelopment sites—the Crown Coach site, the Goodyear Tract site, and the Wilmington Industrial Park site—are located in the targeted recruitment area. These sites are in the early stages of redevelopment, and together with numerous additional sites that have yet to be addressed, will ensure a continued demand for employees trained in environmental cleanup.