



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

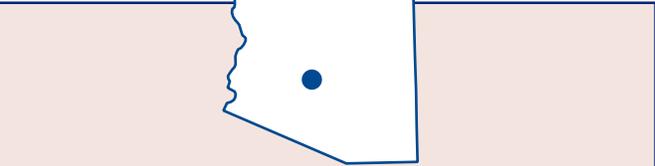
## *Phoenix, AZ*

### **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 City of Phoenix was selected to receive a job training grant. Phoenix will target residents of the city's 20-square mile federal Enterprise Community and 50-square mile West Phoenix Revitalization Area. The



### **Job Training Grant**

**\$200,000**

EPA has selected the City of Phoenix for a job training grant. The city plans to train 50 students, place 40 graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for at least one year. The program will provide 195 hours of course work, including certification in HAZWOPER, lead and asbestos abatement, water distribution and collection, and wastewater treatment. Six partners, including private sector environmental professionals, training providers, and academic institutions such as the Gateway Community College, will be the primary trainers. The city's Phoenix Workforce Connection will recruit students from the Enterprise Community and the West Phoenix Revitalization Area. The city will work with the Phoenix Workforce Connection 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](http://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.

poverty rate among families in these two communities (population 412,453) ranges from 16.6 percent to nearly 38 percent, and unemployment is as high as 14 percent compared to 5.6 percent citywide. Phoenix

may be famous for its resorts and golf courses, but historic industrial activities have left many brownfields, including landfills, junkyards, and factories, all of which have heavily impacted the targeted areas. Brownfields have contributed to increasing poverty, urban sprawl, and air pollution in the aforementioned target communities. As a result, Phoenix, whose population continues to grow, is committed to revitalizing its core urban brownfields as part of a program to improve public transportation and the quality of life for all city residents. With the expanded emphasis on cleanup and redevelopment of environmentally contaminated properties, the demand for environmental workers is expected to grow significantly.