



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Findlay, OH

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 this 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 Findlay was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Findlay (population 38,173) is located in northwestern Ohio. The city has been home to many major companies, several of which have discontinued operations in recent years and left behind substantial amounts of underutilized industrial space. Many of these idle facilities are located within the city's most impoverished areas. Other brownfield sites lie along the Findlay River corridor, posing an imminent threat to the city's drinking water source. Assessments carried out through these grant funds are expected to identify and quantify potential risks to human health and the environment and encourage the creation of redevelopment plans.



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the City of Findlay for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to develop a site inventory and sampling plans, and perform between six and eight Phase I and between one and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to conduct health and safety planning and 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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