



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

*Corona
Redevelopment
Agency, CA*

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 Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in southern California, Corona (population 148,000) was incorporated in 1896 and historically has been an agricultural area. In the 1950s, it was home to a large citrus industry, whose land was later overtaken by industrial and housing developments and some mining operations. Between 1990 and 2000, the city's population grew by 65 percent. Today, 25 percent of city households have low or moderate incomes, and 53 percent of residents are minorities. Many heavy



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to create a brownfields inventory and conduct about seven Phase I and up to three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support 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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industrial and agricultural properties have indications of environmental contamination and attract illegal activities such as dumping. There are at least six leaking fuel tank sites at operating or former gas stations in the city, which also has a history of oil drilling. The city's brownfields efforts will focus on

the redevelopment of five new corridors, which include the city's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Assessment of brownfields will clarify environmental concerns and is expected to help spur sustainable brownfields reuse in these target areas.