



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

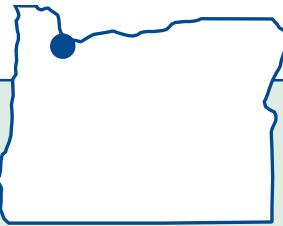
Portland, OR

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 Portland was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants and a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in northwest Oregon, Portland (population 562,690) is a vibrant urban community with many brownfields. Most of the estimated 800 potential brownfields in Portland's East Side are located along transportation corridors next to residential neighborhoods. Pollutants at these sites are carried through watersheds that drain to the Willamette or Columbia Rivers, which are home to migrating salmon. The city's brownfields efforts are focused on North/Northeast Portland, which is a federally designated Enterprise Community, and Southeast Portland. Poverty rates in these areas are as high as 25 percent, and from 39 to 41 percent of residents are minorities. Assessment of brownfields is expected to catalyze redevelopment by clarifying the extent of environmental contamination.



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the City of Portland for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform about 10 Phase I and up to seven Phase II environmental site assessments, and support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Cleanup Grant



\$180,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Portland for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the Rollin' Tire site at 10738 SE Foster Road, which is contaminated with petroleum products. The site was formerly a gas station, automobile service center, and tire retail outlet. Grant funds also will be used to conduct cleanup planning and community involvement activities.

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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<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/bf>

Grant Recipient: City of Portland, OR

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The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

The Rollin' Tire site is in Southeast Portland's Lents community, where some neighborhoods have poverty rates as high as 30.4 percent. When the target site is cleaned up, the city plans to include it in a proposed eco-industrial center and reuse it as greenspace. Cleanup is expected to leverage funds for further green development.