



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Los Angeles, 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 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. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Los Angeles was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and a brownfields cleanup grant. The site targeted for assessment lies within the Washington Boulevard Corridor, which has a 28 percent poverty rate. Approximately 80 percent of residents are Hispanic. Heavy industrial use has declined in this area, leaving deserted metal plating shops, vacant and potentially contaminated lots, underused junkyards, and inactive rail spurs. The site targeted for cleanup is in Rockwood Park, a neighborhood near downtown Los Angeles where approximately 62 percent of residents are Hispanic and 16 percent are Asian. The unemployment rate is 12 percent, and 64 percent of the population lives below the poverty level. The community also has suffered because of suspected gas seepage from a former oil



Assessment Grant

New
2006

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Los Angeles for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments in the Washington Boulevard Corridor of South Los Angeles. Funds also will be used for community involvement activities.

Cleanup Grant

New
2006

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Los Angeles for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up Rockwood Park at 1544-1556 Colton, which is contaminated with petroleum products. Oil wells existed on the property from 1906 through 1970. The site was then developed with apartment houses, which were found to be permeated with high levels of methane and hydrogen sulfide gas. Funds also will be used for public outreach activities. After the site is cleaned up, it will be reused as a community park.

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.

field. Planned brownfields reuses include parks, shopping areas, restaurants, and residential facilities. Brownfields redevelopment will provide the affected communities with an expanded tax base, needed services, and access to employment and recreational opportunities.