



Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot Oakland, CA

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

Oakland's BCRLF will target the Oakland Industrial Corridor Area, an 8,000-acre area that houses over 80 percent of Oakland's manufacturing firms and workforce. Over the past two decades, numerous plant closures and relocations have occurred in the area. In the Coliseum Redevelopment Project area, in particular, over 600 acres of land are underutilized and over 700 sites have potentially hazardous materials present. Many of these former industrial sites range from two to ten acres in size.

BCRLF OBJECTIVES

Oakland's BCRLF goals include the following:

- Clean up and initiate the reuse of large vacant and underutilized brownfields;
- Provide short-term cleanup jobs through the City's partnership with the Oakland Private Industry Council;

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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BCRLF Target Area: Oakland
Industrial Corridor Area

Oakland, California

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Visit the EPA Region 9 Brownfields web site at:
www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.htm

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

- Provide a fair process for community input and self-determination; and
- Allow the Oakland Redevelopment Agency to work with property owners to clean up large acreages and develop a comprehensive reuse plan for the area.

FUND STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

The City of Oakland will serve as lead agency and fund manager through its Community and Economic Development Agency. The site manager will be the City's Public Works Agency. Average loan size is expected to be \$150,000. All loan recipients will be required to utilize training programs for remediation workers and local training and placement services that target low income residents.

LEVERAGING OTHER RESOURCES

The City's Community and Economic Development Agency will draw upon City personnel for environmental, economic development, strategic planning, and legal services for the BCRLF. The Oakland Redevelopment Agency also will provide \$100,000 to the BCRLF. The BCRLF will be used in conjunction with other City-managed loan programs including the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 108 loan guaranty authority, the Small Business Administration, and the Enhanced Enterprise Community (EEC) programs. The City plans to publish an environmental resource toolbox that will list all resources available to property owners, developers, and local public agencies to facilitate the reuse of brownfields.

Use of BCRLF Pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funding also apply to BCRLF funds.
