



Brownfields 2011 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet

Northern Rocky Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc., MT

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. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. 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 Northern Rocky Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc., was selected to receive a brownfields assessment coalition grant. The Resource Conservation & Development Area's coalition partners are the Snowy Mountain Development Corporation and the Montana Business Assistance Connection. The coalition will focus assessment efforts in the 10 counties the partners represent (combined population 133,819). The coalition region encompasses some of the most disadvantaged counties in the nation. Seven of the 10 counties have fewer than 5,000 residents, and the population of half the counties decreased between 2000 and 2009. Seven of the counties have poverty levels exceeding the national average. The state has identified 549 leaking underground storage tank sites and more than 1,200 abandoned mine sites in the area. Brownfields include wood-treating facilities, refineries, abandoned landfills, and methamphetamine labs. Assessment of brownfields will help determine the environmental and health hazards at sites and the appropriate cleanup actions needed. Assessments also are expected to facilitate the coalition's goal to establish a long-term program for the redevelopment and sustainable reuse of brownfields.

Assessment Grant

\$600,000 for hazardous substances

\$400,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Northern Rocky Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc., for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform 18 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform 12 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types will be used for cleanup planning and community outreach 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 (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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