



# **Brownfields 2007 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet**

## **Anaheim 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 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 Anaheim Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The targeted assessment site, the Atchison Street Housing property, is part of Anaheim's downtown revitalization project to convert old industrial properties into affordable housing within economically viable neighborhoods. Affordable housing among low-income residents is in short supply, and brownfields are numerous. About 42.8 percent of all renters and 31.1 percent of all owner households spend more than 30 percent of their gross income on housing. Approximately 47 percent of Anaheim's 328,014 residents are minorities. The target site is suspected to be contaminated as a result of its historic use for metal plating, auto body repair, iron fencing manufacturing, and industrial fuel supply operations. Site reuse plans include new affordable housing for 200 to 300 lower-income households.

### **Assessment Grant**

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

EPA has selected the Anaheim Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to evaluate environmental conditions at the eight-acre Atchison Street Housing site. Grant funds also will be used to conduct a health risk assessment for the site, and involve the community in the assessment process.

### **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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