



Brownfields 2009 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet Ogden City, UT

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

Ogden City was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains north of Salt Lake City, Ogden City (population 83,000) enjoys a diverse culture and rich heritage. Its history reaches back to the completion of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific transcontinental railroad and the driving of the Golden Spike in 1869. The city also has access to world-class outdoor recreational activities such as skiing, kayaking, and rock climbing. However, the departure of the railroad and associated industries left behind a depressed economy, high unemployment, and environmentally impacted lands. The city is divided by a strip of land burdened by deteriorating or vacant buildings and distressed neighborhoods. In the target area, 22 percent of residents live at or below the poverty level, and 30 percent of residents are Hispanic. The lack of development in the area has hurt businesses and residents. Assessment of brownfields is expected to provide information about contamination, encourage private partnerships, and catalyze redevelopment.

Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Ogden City for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 60 Phase I and 35 Phase II environmental site assessments for hazardous substances and petroleum contamination in a targeted corridor comprised of 21st, 24th, and 30th Streets. Grant funds also will be used to conduct cleanup planning and support 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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