Brownfields 2013 Assessment and Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet
Freeport, IL

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.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Freeport for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to prioritize sites and perform five Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop cleanup plans for three sites and support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to prioritize sites and perform five Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop cleanup plans for five sites and support community outreach activities. Target areas for both grants will be the city's East Side and the Rawleigh Corridor.

Cleanup Grants

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Freeport for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Sites A, B, and C in the Album Street Corridor on Block 8, Lichtenberger's Addition. All three sites were formerly used to manufacture kerosene vapor lamps, operate an auto repair business, and house a plating company. Sites A and B are contaminated with volatile organic compounds and hazardous chemicals that include arsenic, cyanide, and mercury. Site C is contaminated with chemicals that include benzene, cyanide, and mercury. Grant funds at all three sites also will be used to conduct health monitoring.

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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