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 Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental site assessments, and support community outreach activities. Assessment efforts will focus on sites in the city's Community Development Block Grant area.

Cleanup Grants

\$600,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee for three brownfields cleanup grants. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the Century City-Area A site at 2725 West Hopkins Street. The seven-acre site was formerly used to manufacture auto frames, military equipment, and electric motors, and is contaminated with petroleum substances. Grant funds also will be used to clean up the 29th and Hopkins site, which consists of two adjacent properties at 2900 and 3010-24 West Hopkins Street. The two-acre site formerly included a gas station, plastics research laboratory, and manufacturing facility, and is contaminated with petroleum substances. Grant funds also will be used to clean up the 2823 West Vienna Avenue site. The 1.4-acre site was formerly occupied by residential and commercial buildings that included a gas station and machine shop. It currently is a vacant parking lot and is contaminated with petroleum substances. Grant funds at all three sites also will be used to support community involvement 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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