

BROWNFIELDS INFORMATION SHEET

What are Brownfields?

A brownfield property can be the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Why should communities be concerned about Brownfields?

It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the United States. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties, increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

What types of Grant Funding Available?

- **Brownfields Assessment Grants**
Brownfield Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. Assessment Grants provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and conduct community involvement related to brownfield sites. The performance period for these grants is three years.
- **Assessment Coalition Grants**
An Assessment Coalition Grant is for three or more eligible entities that will submit one grant proposal under the name of one of the coalition members (the 'lead' coalition member) and will perform assessment grant activities in each coalition member's community.
An applicant may request up to **\$600,000** to assess sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and/or petroleum.
- **Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants**
These grants provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfield sites.
- **Brownfields Cleanup Grants**
Brownfields Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. Applicant may request up to **\$200,000** to address one brownfield site, or multiple sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants and/or petroleum.
- **Area-Wide Planning Grants**
Grant program, **\$200,000**, provides funding for recipients to develop an area-wide plan for assessing, cleaning up and reusing catalyst/high priority brownfield sites. Funding is used for a specific project area, such as a neighborhood, downtown district, local commercial corridor, old industrial corridor, community waterfront or city block, affected by a single large brownfield site or multiple brownfield sites.