



Brownfields 2009 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

St. Louis Land Reutilization Authority, MO

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

The St. Louis Land Reutilization Authority was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. St. Louis (population 350,759) is overburdened with abandoned properties and 4,391 acres of vacant land. Health and environmental impacts from contaminated sites include concerns about polluted groundwater, which can eventually make its way to the Mississippi River. St. Louis has lost 53 percent of its residents since 1960, and today, 52.6 percent of residents are minorities. Poverty rates for children and the elderly in the city are higher than for the same populations in the state and country. The unemployment rate is 11.8 percent, and 22.4 percent of residents live in poverty. The city's foreclosure rate last year ranked third of the state's 115 counties. When the former U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command (ATCOM) site is cleaned up, the Authority plans to redevelop the site for industrial or commercial reuse. Cleanup of the Porter Oil site is expected to make the site safe for redevelopment. Cleanup and redevelopment of these sites are expected to provide economic benefits in lower income neighborhoods, including job growth and an increased tax base.

Cleanup Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the St. Louis Land Reutilization Authority for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command (ATCOM) site at 5701 Lincoln Way. The site was formerly part of the St. Louis Ordnance Plant, a 300-acre facility used for weapons production. It is contaminated with chlordane and metals. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the 0.8-acre former Porter Oil site at 1439 Kentucky Avenue, and 1418 and 1434 Wittenberg Avenue. The former bulk petroleum storage and distribution facility is contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds. Grant funds also will be used to 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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