



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Miami, FL

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. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields 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 City of Miami was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located on the south-east coast of Florida, Miami (population 376,215) is the largest municipality in Miami/Dade County. In addition to tourism, the city's economic base once included thriving garment, heavy metal processing, produce processing, and trucking operations. As these industries closed or downsized, they left behind several blighted corridors. The city plans to focus its efforts on the Allapattah and Wynwood communities. The Allapattah community contains the largest concentration of industrial operations in the city and an aging residential stock. The Wynwood community has a number of public housing projects that lie between industrial areas and wealthier neighborhoods. At least 25 percent of all commercial properties in both



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the City of Miami for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to identify and prioritize brownfields and conduct Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments in the Allapattah and Wynwood sections of the city. Funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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 at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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neighborhoods show some deterioration. The unemployment rate in each of these communities is at least 15 percent. Assessment of the brownfields will help the city target cleanup and redevelopment opportunities. Redevelopment of brownfields will help generate the investment needed to restore a thriving industrial sector and generate well-paying jobs.