

Brownfields 2021 Assessment Fact Sheet

Austin, TX

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Overview of the 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. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Assessment Grant

\$600,000

EPA has selected the City of Austin for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 24 Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop cleanup, reuse, and community involvement plans, and conduct community outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on East Austin, which includes 11 square miles east of Austin's downtown. Priority sites include a former recycling facility, a former processing plant, a 19-acre former Home Depot and car dealership site, a 5.4-acre undeveloped site next to a landfill, the Escuela Nueva site, which is a 3.2-acre former auto repair facility and current preschool, and two underutilized sites slated to be developed into multi-family housing-one on Tillery Street and one on Thornton Road. Coalition partners are the Austin Housing Coalition and the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

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>).

The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant application; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of the information. The cooperative agreement is negotiated after the selection announcement. Therefore, the funding amount and activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.