

Brownfields 2022 Assessment Fact Sheet

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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

\$500,000

EPA has selected the San Diego State University Research Foundation for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to inventory brownfield sites and conduct 20 Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop a market study and six cleanup plans and to support community engagement activities. The target area for this grant is a 158-acre district in the City of National City that has been designated as the "Downtown Specific Plan Area." This area is a historically disadvantaged community with a history of different land uses and widespread environmental contamination. Priority sites include a former education center that has been vacant for 13 years, a vacant lot in a former industrial neighborhood, and a former welding shop.

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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