Brownfields 2026 Cleanup Fact Sheet

Camden, NJ

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Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, Tribal Nations, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfield sites. 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 Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Cleanup Grant

$2,500,000

EPA has selected the City of Camden for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant that will be funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Grant funds will be used to clean up Block 331 of the Former S. Yaffa & Sons Inc. facility located at 616 Chestnut Street. Historic operations at the 1.6-acre cleanup site include automotive repair, junk storage, and a junkyard. It was also used as an illegal dump site for contaminated fill, soil, and construction debris. The site is contaminated with PCBs, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, PFAS, and metals. Grant funds will also be used to support community engagement activities.

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.