



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

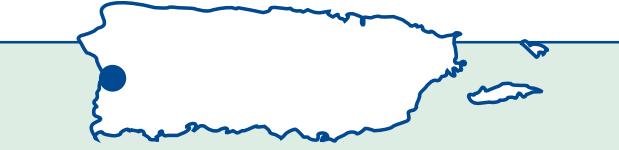
Mayagüez, PR

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 Municipality of Mayagüez was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in southwest Puerto Rico, Mayagüez (population 98,434) has an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent, and 45.9 percent of its residents live below the poverty level. The municipality is focusing its brownfields efforts on its urban core, where there are abandoned properties, structures in need of rehabilitation, and underused sites. The condition of the urban area hinders revitalization, reduces opportunities for jobs and services, and discourages investment in the community. Assessment of brownfields will facilitate the restoration of ecologically sensitive areas, and the construction of affordable housing and recreational space. Brownfields redevelopment will enhance property values, create jobs, and revitalize the community.



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Municipality of Mayagüez for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct a brownfields inventory, Phase I environmental site assessments, and at least six Phase II environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used for 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 at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: Municipality of Mayagüez, PR
787-833-2071

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