

City of Los Angeles Brownfields Program

The primary goal of the **City of Los Angeles Brownfields (BF) Program** is to provide information, assistance, technical expertise and funding to enable the reuse or redevelopment of properties that may be contaminated by a prior use. Many of these properties in Los Angeles are located in disadvantaged communities.

Funding for the Brownfields program comes from several different sources including Mayor and City Council appropriated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, various Federal and State grants, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Funds are used to conduct environmental engineering assessments, including both Phase I and Phase II, remediation plan development, community involvement programs, legal and project management support for site cleanup activities and related Brownfields redevelopment activities.

Generally, \$5,000 to \$50,000 is allocated to any one site from CDBG funds. Projects with higher costs will be screened to receive Federal or State grants. Technical assistance is also available to determine preliminary site conditions, regulatory standing and possible redevelopment approaches. Resources may not be used to: (1) relieve polluter responsibilities; (2) for sites that are listed on the US EPA's National Priority List or, (3) to address asbestos or lead-based paint remediation projects. Further, on-going litigation or environmental enforcement action may limit the assistance available.

Currently, the BF Program has existing funds from the U.S. EPA to conduct environmental assessments of underutilized properties along the Los Angeles River which will enable the City to develop appropriate remediation and redevelopment strategies. These funds will also assist in determining the areas most and least suited for stormwater retention. An inventory study of 80+ sites has been completed, and is being evaluated to select sites for further investigation.

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