

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grants Application Summary

In April 2007, Mayor Michael Bloomberg released *PlaNYC; A Greener Greater New York* (PlaNYC), a sustainability plan designed to address the needs of the City's expanding population which is expected to reach nine million by 2030. One of the critical focus areas of PlaNYC is addressing brownfields throughout New York City. To this end, the City of New York is pursuing federal funding to provide for the investigation of brownfield sites throughout the Boroughs.

If awarded, the grants will focus primarily on funding the investigation of brownfield sites with plans to become preferred community development projects such as affordable housing and community facilities. This complements the objectives of NYC's Brownfield Cleanup Program administered by the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER). During the four years OER has been in existence, the office has created a wide range of brownfield initiatives to support the ambitious goals of PlaNYC. OER recognizes that there are patterns of brownfield sites that cluster in communities of need. The limited amount of OER investigation funding is not always sufficient to jump-start priority brownfield redevelopment projects in these communities. Award of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) assessment grants will provide needed investigation funds to ensure that priority community projects are investigated and thus able to move toward remediation and redevelopment.

For further information...

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The EPA annually offers grants for environmental assessment. The City will be applying for a \$200,000 Hazardous Substance Assessment grant and a \$200,000 Petroleum Assessment grant. If awarded, these grant funds will be used to cover a variety of expenses related to environmental investigation at eligible brownfield sites and community outreach activities.