

City of El Paso - Brownfields Eligibility Information Sheet



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Site Eligibility Criteria

The City of El Paso was recently awarded two-\$200,000 grants from EPA for Phase I or Phase II environmental site assessments of Brownfield properties with potential hazardous substances or petroleum contamination. Property owners, prospective purchasers, or other applicants are eligible to apply for the use of site assessment grant funds for a site provided that the following criteria are met.

- Property is located within the City of El Paso.
- Property is underutilized or abandoned.
- There is real or perceived contamination by hazardous substances or petroleum products associated with the property.
- Redevelopment of the property is economically viable.
- Property is not listed on the National Priorities List.
- Property is not subject to any Federal or State enforcement orders.
- Property is not under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the U.S. government.
- The applicant is not potentially liable for the contamination or affiliated with any other person that is potentially liable.
- The applicant has not caused or contributed to any release of hazardous substances at the site.
- All appropriate inquiry was conducted prior to acquisition of the property.

Petroleum contaminated sites have the following additional criteria that also need to be met.

- Property is considered “relatively low risk” by TCEQ.
- There is not a viable responsible party that can address the petroleum contamination at the site.
- The applicant is not potentially liable (i.e., applicant did not dispense or dispose of petroleum or petroleum product, or exacerbated the existing petroleum contamination, and took reasonable steps with regard to contamination at site.)
- The site is not subject to any order under RCRA.

