

Rogue Valley

Site Reuse and Revitalization Program



A Coalition, led by the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) and including Medford, Grants Pass, Central Point, and Jackson County, has been awarded **a \$600,000 EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant**. The purpose of the grant is to stimulate the reuse and revitalization of property within the Rogue Valley, thereby promoting economic development and improving community livability. With community input, the Coalition will identify and prioritize opportunity sites for participation in the program.

What is a Brownfield?

Brownfields are properties that are not being used to their full potential and may be impaired by the presence of petroleum or hazardous substances.

Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped land, and both improves and protects the environment.



Opportunities for Property Owners:

- Increase property value.
- Access free support to property assessment.
- Grants/loans may be available for cleanup and redevelopment.
- Each step toward cleanup leverages financing and development interest.

Opportunities for the Community:

- Have a voice in shaping the future of community development.
- Support economic development.
- Enhance livability and public health.
- Support development of affordable housing and attract businesses that bring new jobs.

The EPA's Brownfield Program has assessed more than 27,000 properties, creating 129,240 jobs, and leveraging \$24B in public/private investment.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why should I conduct an environmental assessment of my property?

- To help facilitate the sale of your property. Banks typically require an environmental assessment before lending to a buyer.
- Assessments can be the first step on the path to increasing a property's market value by eliminating environmental unknowns.
- An assessment can help owners who are redeveloping their own property plan for unexpected contingencies like contaminated soil or underground storage tanks.
- Conducting assessments eliminates "unknowns", reducing environmental constraints to a manageable level.
- An environmental assessment can verify that a property is not contaminated.

What kinds of properties are potentially eligible to use the funds?

- Public and privately owned properties
- Active, underutilized, vacant, and abandoned properties
- Sites with known or perceived petroleum and/or hazardous substance issues

What activities can the grant pay for?

- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments
- Cleanup Planning
- Redevelopment Planning/Market Analysis/Pro Forma

What activities does the grant NOT pay for?

- Environmental assessment or cleanup work already completed
- Cleanup implementation (soil removal, groundwater treatment, etc.)
- Property purchase

How long will the funds be available?

- The funds will be available until at least the fall of 2020

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