



## **Brownfields 2017 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet Grass Valley, CA**

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

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### **Assessment Grant**

*\$598,312 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Grass Valley for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct at least three Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare at least three cleanup plans and two cleanup plan amendments for mine-scarred lands. Grant funds also will be used to support public participation activities. Assessment activities will focus on mine-scarred lands in northern California and western Nevada County. Coalition partners are the City of Nevada City and Nevada County.

### **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 (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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# **Brownfields 2013 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet**

## **Grass Valley, CA**

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### **Assessment Grants**

***\$200,000 for hazardous substances***

***\$200,000 for petroleum***

EPA has selected the City of Grass Valley for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct approximately eight Phase I and seven Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to compile a ranked inventory of sites, develop two cleanup strategies, and conduct community involvement activities. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to complete the same activities at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Assessment of sites will be focused in the city's targeted reinvestment areas.

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## **Brownfields 2012 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet** **Grass Valley, CA**

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### **Assessment Grant**

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

EPA has selected the City of Grass Valley for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform a Phase II environmental site assessment at the Village of South Auburn site at 750 South Auburn Avenue. The 11-acre site is adjacent to a historic mining property and has been used for illegal dumping. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a cleanup plan for the site and conduct community outreach activities.



# Brownfields 2009 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet Grass Valley, CA



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## Community Description

The City of Grass Valley was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Grass Valley (population 10,922) is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in northeastern California, and has served as a commercial center since the gold rush of the 1850s. It was the site of some of the highest-producing gold and quartz-bearing mines on the West Coast, as well as lumber mill operations. There are about 2,660 mining sites in or near Grass Valley, ranging in size from 50 to 100 acres. Although mining and lumber milling are no longer significant contributors to the area's economy, the effects of these operations present environmental and health challenges. The city's residents have median household and per capita incomes below the state and national averages, and almost 63 percent of residents have low or very low incomes. Assessment of brownfields is expected to increase public awareness, gain information about contamination, and provide incentives for site cleanup and reuse.

## Assessment Grant:

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances  
(Recovery Act Funding)**

**\$200,000 for petroleum (Recovery Act  
Funding)**

EPA has selected the City of Grass Valley for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize brownfields in five areas: Downtown, the Idaho-Maryland Road corridor, East Main Street, Colfax Avenue, and South Auburn Road. Grant funds also will be used to conduct up to 12 Phase I and 4 Phase II environmental site assessments, prepare cleanup plans, and support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

## Contacts

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