



Brownfields 2008 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet

Nye County, NV

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Nye County was selected to receive a job training grant. Located in southern Nevada, Nye County (population 46,427) includes the Town of Pahrump, one of the nation's fastest-growing communities. Though the county is the third largest in the country, as much as 97 percent of the county's land is federally controlled. Median family incomes in Pahrump are more than \$10,000 below the national average, and methamphetamine production is a growing local concern. Throughout the county, historic and current land uses by federal agencies such as the Departments of Energy and Defense, as well as abandoned methamphetamine labs, have created the need for workers trained in hazardous materials and waste management. Skilled workers also are being sought by the growing construction industry, waste management companies, and the county government. With numerous brownfields and a sizeable number of abandoned mines in need of cleanup, there is a strong demand for skilled environmental technicians throughout the county

Job Training Grant

\$200,000

EPA has selected Nye County for a job training grant. Nye County plans to train 60 to 75 students, place 80 percent of graduates in environmental jobs, and track graduates for one year. The training program will consist of two tracks delivered in four 100-hour, six-week cycles. One track will focus on asbestos, lead, and mold abatement, plus CPR and first aid. The second track will focus on HAZWOPER, environmental assessment, and cleanup techniques. The primary trainer will be Southern Nevada Rural JobConnect (SNRJC). Students will be recruited primarily by the county and SNRJC from among unemployed and underemployed county residents, with a particular focus on residents of Pahrump. Nye County will work with environmental cleanup companies and community organizations to place graduates in environmental jobs.

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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