

## Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grant Fact Sheet

# The Center for Creative Land Recycling

## **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. EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through assistance agreements to provide training, research, and technical assistance to facilitate brownfields revitalization.

### Organization Description

The Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR or "See Clear") is a nonprofit organization focused on creating sustainable communities by identifying and implementing responsible patterns of land use and development. CCLR encourages and facilitates land recycling in ways that revitalize urban areas, discourage urban sprawl, and conserve greenspace. CCLR promotes the reuse and recycling of brownfields in fractured communities and discourages sprawl through creative private, public, and nonprofit partnerships. CCLR accomplishes its work through training, technical assistance, and small grants for communities that are attempting to turn around vacant or environmentally distressed properties.

## Training and Technical Assistance Program for Brownfields Redevelopment

#### Grantee:

The Center for Creative Land Recycling

#### **Project Focus:**

Training and Technical Assistance Grant in California, Arizona, and Nevada

#### **Project Period:**

August 2003 to September 2008

#### **Project Description:**

CCLR conducted three separate workshops in the fall of 2006, covering a wide range of issues related to brownfields revitalization and redevelopment. The "Creating Vibrant Communities: Redeveloping Brownfields" workshop was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 12, 2006 and again in Tucson, Arizona, on November 8, 2006. These workshops were designed to meet the needs of local project managers involved in redeveloping environmentally impacted properties and provide project managers with the tools, techniques, and resources required to bring projects in on time and on budget. Additionally, "The Next Stop: Rail Yard Revitalization" workshop for Arizona, California, and Nevada communities was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 26, 2006. This workshop addressed the major land-recycling challenges specific to the reclamation of former rail properties. Additionally, CCLR continues to plan for eventual expansion of the training program into Hawaii. CCLR also continues to expand its network of brownfields stakeholders in Region 9, augmenting its outreach database with additional stakeholders in Arizona and Nevada. Finally, CCLR provides technical assistance to community-based development organizations, offering support to four new brownfields communities and continued support to five communities.

## 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 at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/brownfields">http://www.epa.gov/brownfields</a> or call 202.566.2777.

For further information about CCLR's brownfields training and technical assistance activities, visit CCLR's web site at http://www.cclr.org/ or call 415.398.1080.

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