

**CITY OF OAKLAND
PROPOSED APPLICATIONS FOR
BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP GRANTS**

The Environmental Services Division (ESD) of the City of Oakland (“City”) is planning to apply for two Brownfields grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the year 2014. USEPA Brownfields grants support environmental management and protection that is locally-based, encourage strong public-private partnerships, and promote innovative and creative ways to assess, cleanup and redevelop impacted sites. For more information on the USEPA Brownfields program, please visit USEPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>.

The City is planning to apply for a \$200,000 cleanup grant for the 625-659 Hegenberger Road site, and a \$200,000 community-wide assessment grant for the Coliseum City Redevelopment area.

The 625-659 Hegenberger Road site is approximately 12.37 acres in size, and the historic/ former uses include a gas station and retail/ commercial uses including the former Homebase store. Previous environmental investigations showed arsenic and lead contamination in soils onsite. The cleanup grant will be used for soil remediation, confirmation sampling, report preparation, public/ community participation, and project management.

The Coliseum City redevelopment plan seeks to transform the underutilized land around the Oakland Coliseum into a world-class sports, entertainment, retail, arts, and technology district. The grant funds for the assessment grant will be used for conducting Phase I environmental assessments, Phase II investigations involving soil and groundwater sampling and analysis, preparation of remedial action plans, community participation, and project management.

USEPA’s deadline for the Brownfields grant application is January 22, 2014. The City is planning to upload details of the grant applications (including details of cleanup alternatives for the 625-659 Hegenberger site) on this web page.

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