



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

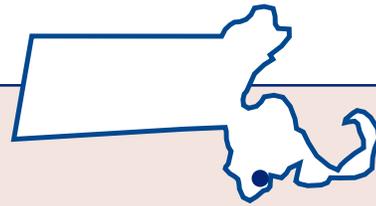
New Bedford, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development 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

The City of New Bedford was selected to receive assessment and cleanup grants. The city is located at the confluence of the Acushnet River estuary and Buzzards Bay in southeastern Massachusetts. New Bedford has a population of 93,700, which is declining. This former whaling center turned to textile and apparel manufacturing in the late 1800s. New Bedford's industrial base has eroded due to the departure of manufacturing industries and changes in fishing industry policies. New Bedford is a Brownfields Showcase Community with more than 220 acres of brownfields. Many of the city's brownfields are located within a state-designated Environmental Justice Population Area. Approximately 43 percent of residents in this area are children or senior citizens. Community input has played a vital role in developing sustainable reuse plans for brownfields sites in New Bedford, and the city will continue to involve the community in site assessment, cleanup, and reuse planning.



Assessment Grant

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

EPA has selected the City of New Bedford for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct assessments at four sites contaminated by hazardous substances within the Payne-Alden-Elco Revitalization Area, a centrally located area with mixed commercial, industrial, and residential land uses. Grant funds also will be used to prepare an inventory of sites contaminated by petroleum and conduct assessments of sites suspected of petroleum contamination. In addition, grant funds will be used to continue the city's community involvement efforts.

Cleanup Grants

*\$85,000 for hazardous substances
\$135,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of New Bedford for three brownfields cleanup grants totaling \$220,000. Grant funds will be used to clean up hazardous substances contamination at the Fairhaven Mills Lot 262 site and petroleum contamination at the Fairhaven Mills Lot 167 site and the Alden Corrugated site.

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: www.epa.gov/brownfields/

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of New Bedford has received brownfields funding for assessment, revolving loan fund, Showcase Community, and job training grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.