



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

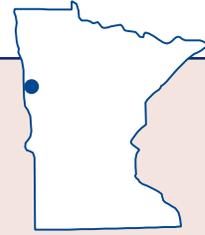
Moorhead, MN

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, the President 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 Moorhead was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Moorhead (population 32,177) is located on the east bank of the Red River in Clay County, Minnesota. While the Fargo-Moorhead Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area has grown considerably, much of the growth has been on the Fargo side, while Moorhead has struggled. Approximately 16 percent of Moorhead residents live below the poverty level, and the average per capita income is 58 percent of the national average. The target area, known as the Central City Corridor (population 1,134), is a 250-acre area located in the oldest part of the city. The area contains 416 parcels and over 1,000 structures that include industrial, commercial, residential,



Assessment Grant

New
2004

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

EPA has selected the City of Moorhead to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substance grant funds will be used to inventory and characterize sites, perform Phase I and II site assessments, and prepare cleanup plans at sites in the Central City Corridor. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at petroleum-contaminated sites in the corridor.

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

and railroad land use. Preliminary assessments indicate that as many as 150 parcels will require further evaluation. Assessment and cleanup of the initial corridor properties is critical to maintain the community's support for redevelopment in the old part of the city. The project is expected to provide momentum for residents, business, industry, and developers to invest in properties along the corridor.