



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

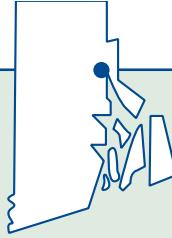
Providence Community Health Centers, RI

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

Providence Community Health Centers was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in the City of Providence (population 176,365), Providence Community Health Centers is a non-profit organization that is targeting a site in South Providence, formerly home to a number of large mill buildings that made up the city's industrial landscape. Today, South Providence (population 10,709) contains more than 100 square acres of brownfields sites along the nearby waterfront. The target property, the Federated Lithographers Building site, is within one mile of these



Cleanup Grant

New
2006

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Providence Community Health Centers for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up soil and groundwater contamination at the Federated Lithographers Building site at 369 Prairie Avenue. Grant funds also will be used to excavate and dispose of contaminated soil, construct a site cap, conduct groundwater monitoring, and implement community involvement activities.

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, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

lands in the heart of a federally designated Enterprise Community. Between 1886 and the late 1990s, the site was used for machine tools, can manufacturing, and printing press operations. More than 47 percent of families in South Providence live below the poverty level, and the unemployment rate in the target area is 16.9 percent. Brownfield sites negatively affect South Providence by lowering real estate values, inhibiting commercial and residential development, and potentially threatening human health. Once the Federated Lithographers Building site is cleaned up, Providence

Community Health Centers plans to develop a state-of-the-art healthcare facility that will serve more than 20,000 patients. This revitalization is expected to create more than 1,350 jobs and serve as a catalyst for increased economic development and environmental cleanup in the surrounding areas.