



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

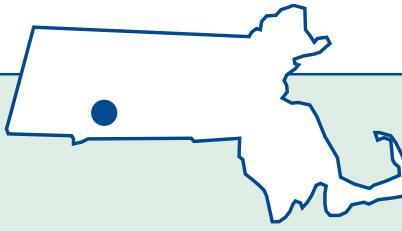
Holyoke, MA

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

The City of Holyoke was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant and a brownfields cleanup grant. Located between the Connecticut River and the Mount Tom/East Mountain Range, Holyoke (population 39,838) is the poorest community in Massachusetts. The median household income is \$20,000 lower than the state median, and the percent of residents living below the poverty level is three times the state rate. The unemployment rate is almost 50 percent higher than the state rate. There are many abandoned or underused properties throughout the city with potential environmental issues. In addition to posing a threat to public health and safety, these sites deter investment in the city. Assessment of the city's brownfields will help clarify potential cleanup needs and risks, and ultimately promote investment that will



Assessment Grant

New 2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Holyoke for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to complete seven to ten Phase I and two to three Phase II environmental site assessments and support community outreach activities.

Cleanup Grant

New 2007

\$96,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Holyoke for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the former Adams Pakkawood facility at 191 Appleton Street. The site was first used for textile manufacturing and later was home to a company that manufactured wood products associated with kitchenware. Site investigation has indicated the presence of petroleum contamination in the soil. Grant funds also will be used to support 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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elevate property values and increase tax revenues.
Cleanup of the Adams Pakkawood property will
reduce risks to human health and facilitate its redevel-
opment into a recreational area for use by residents.