



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

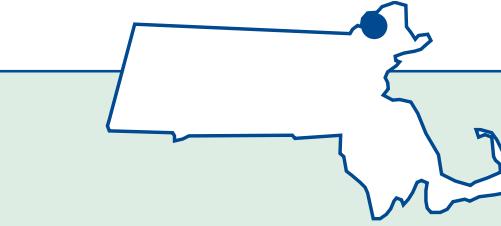
Lawrence, MA

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 Lawrence was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants and a brownfields cleanup grant. Lawrence (population 72,043), located in the Merrimack Valley, was founded in 1845 as the nation's first planned city. Its core industries were textile and shoe manufacturing. Although these industries began leaving in the early 20th Century, the large riverside mills remain as a legacy to a once booming economy. They are scattered throughout the city's federally designated Renewal Community and Empowerment Zones. The state has identified 273 brownfield sites in Lawrence. Lawrence residents have the lowest per capita income in the state, and nearly 60 percent of city residents are Latino. Unemployment rates consistently hover at twice the regional, state, and national averages. Assessment of the brownfields is essential to



Assessment Grants

New 2007

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

EPA has selected the City of Lawrence for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and II environmental site assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform ten Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments. Both funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Cleanup Grant

New 2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Lawrence for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the 2.8-acre former Oxford Mill property at 21 Canal Street. The site is known to have been contaminated with heavy metals and PCBs. Funds also will be used to conduct community outreach.

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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improving economic and social benefits for the city, including jobs and neighborhood improvements. Cleanup of the former Oxford Mill will remove a blighted property from a downtown gateway and allow creation of a park connecting other greenspaces along the Sippcket River Greenway. This park will serve one of the lowest income neighborhoods in the city and help spur redevelopment in the city's historic district.