



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Sturgis, MI

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 Sturgis was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in St. Joseph County, the Sturgis (population 11,285) economy historically has relied on manufacturing. Recent plant closings and layoffs have hurt the city's economy. The Paramount site targeted by this grant is in the north-western portion of the city, where manufacturing firms were located to be near rail lines. The site was a furniture manufacturing facility between the mid-1800s and the late 1980s, when the facility closed. In the 1990s, a fire destroyed buildings on the property, which has been vacant since. The Paramount site is in an area of the city with seven percent unemployment and a poverty rate that exceeds the city, county, and state poverty rates. Site cleanup will reduce the risk of exposure to industrial contaminants and is expected to



Cleanup Grant

New
2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Sturgis for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 2.1-acre Paramount site located at 303 St. Joseph Street. The site is a former furniture manufacturing facility contaminated with arsenic and benzo(a)pyrene.

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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enable the construction of affordable, single-family housing.