



Brownfields 2008 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 this 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 (PCHC) was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. PCHC is targeting brownfields in the City of Providence's (population 173,618) most challenged, economically distressed neighborhood of South Providence (population 10,709). The unemployment rate in this neighborhood is 16.9 percent, and 47.3 percent of families live below the poverty level. Neighborhood residences are close to the large mill buildings that once made up the industrial landscape of the city. There are numerous brownfields covering more than 100 square acres of land contaminated by organic



Cleanup Grants

New
2008

\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Providence Community Health Centers for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Buildings #1 and #2 and the parking lot of the Beaman and Smith Factory Complex at 20 Gordon Avenue. The site was used to construct metalworking machine tools, manufacture cans, and print books. Contaminants of concern include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and metals. Grant funds will be used to remove and dispose of contaminated soil, conduct groundwater monitoring, and 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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compounds and petroleum byproducts within one mile of the cleanup sites. Once the sites are cleaned up, they will become part of a state-of-the-art urban industrial park that is expected to provide health care services, commercial and retail operations, and greenspace, as well as create 1,850 sustainable jobs for local residents. This redevelopment is expected to serve as a catalyst for broader economic development.