



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Hamtramck, 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 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

The City of Hamtramck was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Completely surrounded by the City of Detroit, Hamtramck (population 22,000) is the most densely populated municipality in Michigan. It is an ethnically diverse city, and functions as a gateway for newly arrived immigrants. The city experienced growth in the early 20th Century with the establishment of several automobile manufacturing facilities. Today, most of these sites are abandoned, contaminated, and obsolete. The city's median household income is \$26,616, its unemployment rate is 14 percent, and 24 percent of households live below the poverty level. The city has minimal resources to



Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the City of Hamtramck for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to select sites and conduct between eight and 10 Phase I and between four and six Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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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address environmental issues. Brownfields assessments are expected to serve as a catalyst for revitalizing the broader community, and give the city the opportunity to redevelop its distressed areas.