



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

## Saint Paul Port Authority, MN

### 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 Saint Paul Port Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants and a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Located in eastern Minnesota, Saint Paul (population 287,151) has a population and cultural base that has evolved during the past 35 years. After important industrial jobs left the city in the 1970s and 1980s, population and housing values declined through 1990. Today, the city is a federally designated Enterprise Community with an increasing minority population, including Hmong, Hispanic, and African-American residents. The city is focusing its brownfields efforts on the Great Northern, Phalen, Rice Street, and University-Midway Corridors. These areas display great ethnic and cultural diversity, and are among the most impoverished in the city. They for-



### Assessment Grants



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

EPA has selected the Saint Paul Port Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform from two to three Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments in four corridor project areas of the city. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

### Revolving Loan Fund Grant



**\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the Saint Paul Port Authority for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Saint Paul Port Authority will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Grant funds will be used to process and execute loans in four corridor project areas of the city.

### 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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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merly housed large industrial and commercial job centers that have closed or downsized, and contain some of the city's 1,000 acres of brownfields. Brownfields assessments are expected to help the Port Authority prioritize sites in these corridors, quantify the extent and magnitude of contamination, and pave the way to reducing blight. When brownfields are cleaned up through the RLF grant, the Port Authority plans to redevelop them for new business centers and light manufacturing sites.