



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

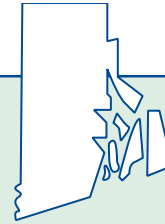
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

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 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Rhode Island (population 1,048,319) has many communities that continue to struggle with challenges related to their industrial past. The state is targeting seven communities located in its two most heavily industrialized river corridors, the Blackstone River corridor and the Pawtuxet River basin. These communities include Warwick, Coventry,



Assessment Grants

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

EPA has selected the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct two Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments in a seven-community target area. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments in the seven-community target area.

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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The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negotiated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

West Warwick, Cranston, Woonsocket, Pawtucket, and Central Falls (combined population 363,436). The Blackstone and Pawtuxet Rivers flow into Narragansett Bay, one of Rhode Island's most important natural resources. Several abandoned, distressed, and underused properties are located along riverfront areas. Communities in the target areas, especially in the Blackstone River corridor, have high rates of poverty and unemployment as well as low

per capita incomes. Brownfields assessment will help the state and local communities gain information about real and perceived environmental contamination at sites and leverage resources for redevelopment.