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"The term 'brownfield site' means 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." (from the federal Brownfields Act of 2002)

SUMMARY OF BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

Originally begun as an EPA initiative in January 1995, the US EPA National Brownfields Program has since evolved into a collaborative effort involving many federal, state and local partners. In January 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act ("the Brownfields law") was signed. This law expanded potential federal assistance for Brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup, and job training. The law also includes provisions to establish and enhance state and tribal response programs, which will continue to play a critical role in the successful cleanup and revitalization of brownfields. Below is a summary of the US EPA Region 1 funding for each of the key Brownfields initiatives.

EPA Brownfields Funding in New England: Program Distribution by State (1994-2006)*							
Program	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT	Total
Assessment Grants	\$7,789,130	\$4,309,017	\$16,120,131	\$2,429,000	\$2,103,000	\$6,010,000	\$38,760,278
Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants	\$7,568,000	\$5,280,000	\$11,568,000	\$4,051,790	\$5,690,000	\$2,000,000	\$36,157,790
Cleanup Grants	\$3,685,500	\$750,000	\$4,072,883	\$800,000	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$11,108,383
Job Training Grants	\$1,340,264	\$200,000	\$1,888,799	\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$3,779,063
EPA Targeted Assessments (TBA)	\$2,077,470	\$426,339	\$3,443,869	\$398,926	\$314,217	\$266,621	\$6,927,442
State Brownfields Funding	5,896,608	\$4,291,663	\$7,907,315	\$6,626,543	\$4,943,379	\$2,226,543	\$31,892,051
Showcase Communities	\$300,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$1,400,000
Total	\$28,656,972	\$15,257,019	\$45,800,997	\$14,306,259	\$15,500,596	\$10,503,164	\$130,025,007

*Funding total current as of May 2006

Recipients receiving funding in May 2006 are in bold

ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Brownfields Assessment Grant Program awards grants to local, tribal and state governmental entities to conduct site assessment and related activities at brownfields properties. Grants are awarded for up to \$200,000 to assess properties for co-mingled hazardous waste or petroleum contamination. Grantees are selected through a national competition. The figures in the table that follows are cumulative totals for all Assessment Grants awarded in Massachusetts since 1994.

Assessment Grant Program	
Recipient	Funding
Attleboro	\$200,000
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	\$300,000
Boston	\$1,137,000
Boston Redevelopment Authority	\$200,000
Brockton	\$750,000
Central Massachusetts Economic Development Authority	\$293,710
Chelsea	\$200,000
Chicopee	\$200,000
Colrain	\$235,862
Everett	\$200,000
Fitchburg	\$200,000
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	\$400,000
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	\$400,000
Gardner	\$200,000
Great Barrington	\$350,000
Greenfield	\$320,000
Haverhill	\$400,000
Holyoke	\$250,000
Lawrence	\$400,000
Lowell	\$600,000
Lynn	\$350,000
Mansfield	\$200,000
Marlborough	\$350,000
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Amesbury)	\$200,000
Merrimack Valley Planning Commission	\$800,000
Methuen	\$200,000

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission	\$550,000
Mystic Valley Development Commission	\$950,000
New Bedford	\$800,000
Norfolk County	\$400,000
North Adams	\$140,770
Northhampton	\$200,000
Peabody	\$200,000
Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission	\$750,000
Salem	\$200,000
Somerville	\$550,000
Springfield	\$800,000
Taunton	\$400,000
Walpole	\$200,000
Westfield	\$175,000
West Springfield	\$200,000
Worcester	\$267,789
Assessment Grant Program Total:	\$16,120,131*
*Funding total current as of May 2006.	

REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Under this initiative, grants are awarded to eligible local, tribal and state entities to establish and capitalize revolving loan funds to assist private and public entities in cleaning up contaminated sites. Grants are for up to \$1,000,000 initially and eligible communities may team together to establish larger revolving loan funds pools. Grantees are selected through a national competition. The figures in the table that follows are cumulative totals for all Revolving Loan Fund Grants awarded in Massachusetts since 1994.

Revolving Loan Fund Program	
Recipient	Funding
Boston	\$1,000,000
Brockton	\$500,000
Central Massachusetts Economic Redevelopment Authority	\$18,000
Franklin Regional Council of Governments (Colrain and Greenfield)	\$1,000,000
Gloucester	\$800,000
Lawrence	\$500,000
Lowell	\$500,000

Lynn	\$450,000
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission	\$500,000
Mystic Valley Development Commission	\$1,000,000
New Bedford	\$500,000
Pioneer Valley (Springfield, Chicopee, Westfield)	\$2,000,000
Somerville	\$500,000
Taunton	\$1,000,000
Worcester	\$1,300,000
Revolving Loan Fund Program Total:	\$11,568,000*
*Funding total current as of May 2006.	

CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM

Under this initiative, EPA funds are awarded to eligible local, state, tribal and non-profit entities to conduct cleanup activities on eligible brownfields properties. Grants are for up to \$200,000 per property. Entities must own the property at the time of award to be eligible for funding. Grantees are selected through a national competition. The figures in the table that follows are cumulative totals for all Cleanup Grants awarded in Massachusetts since 2003.

Cleanup Grant Program		
Recipient	Site	Funding
Municipalities		
Boston	Belle Isle Coastal Preserve, Saratoga Street	\$200,000
Brockton	389 Warren Avenue	\$100,000
	Montello Auto Body, 166 East Ashland Street	\$159,500
Carver	99 Main Street	\$200,000
Greenfield	Food & Fuel Site, 270 Deerfield Street	\$125,000
Holyoke	Hallmark Van Lines, 160 Middle Water Street	\$200,000
Lowell	101 Middlesex Street	\$142,960
	115 Middlesex Street	\$112,080
Mystic Valley Development Commission	211 Corporation Way	\$80,000
	Kazanjan Property – 171 & 171R Corporation Way	\$200,000
	Paonessa Property – 255 & 260 Corporation Way and 16 Cooper Street	\$200,000
Marlborough	Frye Boot, 84 Chestnut Street	\$173,583
	Rail Trail, Kelleher Site, 56 Jefferson Street	\$199,200

Monson	South Main Street School/Dan Wesson Arms Facility, 293 South Main Street	\$200,000
New Bedford	Fairhaven Mills, Lot 167, 120 Sawyer Street	\$35,000
	Fairhaven Mills, Lot 262, 94 Sawyer Street	\$85,000
	Reliable Truss Site, 246 River Road	\$200,000
North Adams	128 Union Street (Route 2)	\$104,000
Northampton – Massachusetts Highway Department	Former Staab's Service Station, Pleasant Street (Route 5)	\$200,000
Northborough	Northborough Fish & Game Club, 119 Colburn Street	\$200,000
North Brookfield	Aztec Industries Property, 55 School Street	\$200,000
Somerville	30 Allen Street	\$200,000
Springfield	Gemini Building, 33 Morris Street	\$200,000
	Hampden Color and Chemical, 126 Memorial Drive	\$200,000
West Springfield	West Springfield Trade Center, 189 Western Avenue and 220 Day Street	\$156,560
Non-Profit Organizations		
Essex – Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum	Essex Shipbuilding Museum Site, 66 Main Street	\$200,000
Taunton – Weir Economic Investment Revitalization Corp	Robertson On The River, 120 Ingell Street	\$52,000
Worcester – Main South Community Development Corporation contacts	Gardner-Kilby-Hammond Project, 24 Kilby Street, 51 & 53 Gardner Street, and 60 & 65 Tainter Street	\$200,000
Cleanup Grant Program Total:		\$4,072,883*
*Funding total current as of May 2006.		

JOB TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

The Brownfields Job Training Program funding is used to train workers in the field of hazardous waste assessment and remediation. To be eligible for these grants, the applicants must be affiliated with an existing Brownfields Assessment Grant Program recipient. Grants are for up to \$200,000. Grantees are selected through a national competition. The figures in the table that follows are cumulative totals for all Job Training Grants awarded in Massachusetts since 1994.

Job Training Grant Program	
Recipient	Funding
Boston - Connects People to Economic Opportunity, Inc.	\$200,000
Brockton	\$200,000
Coalition for a Better Acre	\$200,000
JFY Networks	\$616,764
Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board	\$197,035
New Bedford	\$275,000
Strive-Boston Employment Services	\$200,000
Job Training Grant Program Total:	\$1,888,799*
*Funding total current as of May 2006.	

TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENTS (TBA)

Under this initiative, EPA uses its contractors to conduct brownfields assessments at sites identified by the local entity as being a high priority for reuse. Brownfields assessments typically involve a review of existing site records, site sampling and preparation of a preliminary clean-up cost estimate. The information gathered allows local government officials and developers to make informed decisions regarding the redevelopment potential of a site. Below is a summary of the sites and amount of TBA funding received in Massachusetts since 1997.

EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessments		
Recipient	Site	Approx. Value of Assessment
Amesbury	Amesbury Wharf, 31 Water Street	\$104,800
Barre	Former Nornay Building	\$100,000
Bellingham	Pearl Street Mill, 26 Pearl Street	\$184,505
Boston	Ferdinand Block / DPH Boston, 294 River Street	\$33,872
	Modern Electroplating, 2340 Washington Street	\$78,311
Brockton	Bargaineer Center, 70 East Battles Street	\$45,847
	Montello Auto Body, 166 East Ashland Street	\$67,315
	Knapp Shoe, 153 Spark Street	\$50,025
Brookfield	54-67 Mill Street	\$110,437
Dorchester	Boston's Hope, 219-221 Harvard Street, 53 Nightingale Street, 88-98 Nightingale Street, 83-89 Wales Street, 46 Kingsdale Street, 71-77 Kingsdale Street, 78 Kingsdale Street, 85-89 Kingsdale Street, 17 Browning Avenue, 19	\$106,350

	Browning Avenue	
Dudley	Former Stevens Bleachery, Ardloc Place	\$100,000
Essex	Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum, 66 Main Street	\$133,143
Everett	Tremont Villa (former), 168 Tremont Street	\$66,473
Fall River	City Pier, West of Davol Street	\$104,737
Foxborough	Seltsam Property, 170 Oak Street	\$64,388
Franklin	Old Sewer Beds, Pond Street	\$128,120
Gardner	Former Garbose Metals Factory, 155 Mill Street	\$140,000
Gloucester	Marine Railways Property, 9 Harborloop	\$122,504
	Omniwave Electronics, 22 Blackburn Drive	\$89,501
Greenfield	Food and Fuel, 270 Deerfield Street	\$100,000
Hardwick	Gilbertville Woven Label Site, Upper Church Street	\$63,001
Holyoke	Hallmark Van Lines, 160 Middle Water Street	\$69,886
Hopedale	Draper Field	\$100,000
Lawrence	Oxford Paper Mill (Spicket River), Canal Street	\$115,241
Lowell	Assets Building, Market Street	\$146,712
	Davidson Street Properties, 21, 45 and 105 Davidson Street	\$57,551
Lynn	Beacon Chevrolet (former), 254 Lynnway	\$9,915
Monson	Omega Processing Site, 21 Bliss Street	\$140,823
Montague	15 Rod Shop Road	\$100,000
New Bedford	Alden Corrugated, 1 Church Street	\$43,495
	Standard Times Field, Front Street	\$60,175
Newburyport	Department of Public Works Yard (former), 129 Merrimac Street	\$63,018
Northampton	Former Department of Public Works Yard, 125 Locust Street, 237 and 265 Prospect Street	\$81,804
	Old Northampton Fire Station, Masonic Street	\$49,950
	Roundhouse Parking Lot, Old South Street	\$85,483
North Brookfield	Aztec Property	\$100,000
Quincy	Quarry Street Highpoint Property, 193-323 Quarry Street	\$10,640
Taunton	Church Coal, 494 Weir Street	\$44,891
Worcester	Coes Knife Property, Coes Street	\$70,956
Worthington	Albert Farms	\$100,000
EPA-Lead Targeted Brownfields Assessments Total:		\$3,443,869*
*Funding total current as of May 2006.		

STATE BROWNFIELDS FUNDING

EPA also offers funding to directly support state brownfields activities including funds to establish and enhance state brownfields programs (also known as voluntary cleanup programs), to conduct site specific assessment and cleanup, to develop revolving loan fund programs and to develop insurance tools. Below is a summary of the amount of funding received in Massachusetts since 1994.

Financial Assistance to State Brownfields Program	
Recipient	Funding
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection	\$7,907,315
State Program Total:	\$7,907,315*
*Funding total current as of May 2006.	

SHOWCASE COMMUNITIES

As part of the multi-federal agency Brownfields National Partnership, sixteen communities were selected to receive Showcase Community designation following a national competition. The federal partners work with selected communities to revitalize brownfields properties. EPA provided each with a \$200,000 Brownfields Demonstration Pilot and assigned an EPA employee to work full time in the designated community for two years.

Showcase Communities	
Recipient	Funding
Lowell	\$300,000
Mystic Valley Development Commission	\$300,000
New Bedford	\$200,000
Showcase Communities Total:	\$800,000*
*Funding total current as of May 2006.	

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