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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

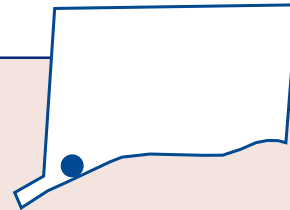
Bridgeport, CT

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development 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 the Brownfields 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 Bridgeport was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant and a revolving loan fund grant. Bridgeport (population 139,529), located on Long Island Sound, has been a major industrial center since the early 19th Century, but now many of those industrial sites lay dormant. It remains the largest and most densely populated city in Connecticut. With more than half the city's residents being of minority heritage, and a poverty rate of almost 25 percent, Bridgeport is a federally designated Enterprise Community. Unemployment rates in several neighborhoods are as high as 25 percent. The city has inventoried more than 200 potential brownfields, many of which are located within residential areas. There is no available uncontaminated



Cleanup Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Bridgeport for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to clean up the former Pacelli Trucking site on Trowel Street in the city's East End neighborhood. A former trucking facility, the half-acre site is contaminated with toxic metals, asbestos, and arsenic co-mingled with petroleum. Funds also will be used for community outreach activities.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant

New
2005

\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Bridgeport for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which Bridgeport will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. The fund will support the West End, East End, East Side, and South End neighborhoods

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 cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

land within the city to attract new business and economic development. Brownfields redevelopment will

provided much-needed housing stock, commercial buildings that will create jobs, and recreational and green space.