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Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

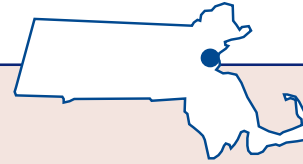
Boston, MA

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 Boston was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Mainly through foreclosure, Boston (population 589,141) has acquired about 2,000 parcels of land scattered throughout the city. Many of these parcels are brownfields. All of the parcels slated for assessment with this grant have been sites used for unwanted dumping. The blight and pollution created by these sites concern the disadvantaged Boston neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan. Boston is a federal Enterprise Community, and portions of Dorchester and Roxbury are in a federal Empowerment Zone. In some of the targeted neighborhoods with predominantly minority populations, unemployment exceeds 11 percent and poverty rates



Assessment Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Boston for a brownfields assessment grant. The city plans to conduct Phase I and Phase II site assessments for about 150 city-owned parcels scattered in residential areas throughout low-income, minority areas, principally in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan.

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.

exceed 27 percent. These low-income neighborhoods will benefit from the development of affordable housing that Boston plans for city-owned brownfields following their assessment and cleanup.