



# Connecticut

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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 Region1 funding for each of the key Brownfields initiatives.

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

\*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 Connecticut since 1994.

<b>Assessment Grant Program</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>Bridgeport</b>	\$1,200,000
Bristol	\$200,000
Capital Region Council of Governments	\$400,000
Danbury	\$200,000
East Hampton	\$175,000
Griswold	\$200,000
Haddam	\$156,000
Hartford	\$550,000
Meriden	\$200,000
Middletown	\$400,000
New Britain	\$200,000
New Haven	\$267,000
Newington	\$200,000
New London	\$250,000
New Milford	\$350,000
<b>Norwalk Redevelopment Authority</b>	\$400,000
Norwich	\$350,000
<b>Regional Growth Partnership</b>	\$200,000
South Central Regional Council of Governments	\$200,000
Stamford	\$200,000
Torrington	\$199,130
Valley Council of Governments (formerly Naugatuck Valley Regional Planning Agency)	\$742,000
Winsted / Winchester	\$550,000
<b>Assessment Grant Program Total:</b>	<b>\$7,789,130*</b>
*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 Connecticut since 1994.

<b>Revolving Loan Fund Program</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Berlin	\$500,000
Bridgeport	\$2,150,000
Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (Hartford)	\$668,000
Naugatuck Valley River Communities and Danbury	\$850,000
New Milford	\$1,000,000
Regional Growth Partnership	\$1,000,000
Stamford	\$750,000
Winchester	\$650,000
<b>Revolving Loan Fund Program Total:</b>	<b>\$7,568,000*</b>
*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 Connecticut since 2003.

<b>Cleanup Grant Program</b>		
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Funding</b>
<b>Municipalities</b>		
<b>Bridgeport</b>	Chrome Engineering Site, 405 Central Avenue	\$200,000
	Mount Trashmore, 329 Central Avenue	\$200,000
	Pacelli Trucking Site, 79-119 Trowell Street and 310-318 Eagle Street	\$200,000
	<b>Producto Machine Site, 990 Housatonic Avenue</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

<b>East Hampton</b>	<b>Summit Thread Powerhouse, 13 Watrous Street</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
Greenwich	Cos Cob Power Plant, 22 Sound Shore Drive	\$200,000
<b>Meriden</b>	<b>The HUB, 1 &amp; 77 State Street</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
Middletown	Portland Chemical Works Site, 680 Newfield Street (rear)	\$200,000
New Britain	207 Oak Street	\$60,000
New Haven	Brewery Building, 456-458 Grand Avenue	\$200,000
New Milford	Century Enterprise Center, Housatonic Avenue and Aspetuck Ridge Road	\$200,000
<b>Shelton</b>	<b>Former Rolfite Property, 131 East Canal Street</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
	The Shelton Farm and Public Market, 100 East Canal Street	\$200,000
<b>Sprague</b>	<b>Mukluk Preserve Pond, 239 Pautipaug Hill Road</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
Stamford	Seaboard Equities Building, 1 Dock Street	\$25,500
	114 Manhattan Street	\$200,000
Vernon	Hockanum Mill Site, 200 West Main Street	\$200,000
<b>Non-Profit Organizations</b>		
Georgetown – Georgetown Redevelopment Corporation	Gilbert and Bennet By-Product, 15 North Main Street	\$200,000
<b>Hartford – North Star Center for Human Development</b>	<b>Hartford Car Wash, 2434 - 2470 Main Street</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
New London – Habitat for Humanity of Southeastern Connecticut	Vacant lot, Fitch Avenue	\$200,000
<b>Cleanup Grant Program Total:</b>		<b>\$3,685,500*</b>
*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 Connecticut since 1994.

Job Training Grant Program	
Recipient	Funding
Bridgeport Department of Social Services	\$198,500
Middlesex Community College	\$400,000
Stamford	\$200,000
The Workplace	\$541,764
<b>Job Training Grant Program Total:</b>	<b>\$1,340,264*</b>
*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 Connecticut since 1997.

EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessments		
Recipient	Site	Approx. Value of Assessment
Bridgeport	50 Miles Street	\$15,615
	Pacelli Trucking, 79-199 Trowell Street & 310-318 Eagle Street	\$76,233
	Swan Engraving, 385 Hanover Street	\$52,448
Bristol	H.J. Mills Box Factory, 149-151 Church Street	\$64,867
Derby	O'Sullivan's Island	\$96,981
Glastonbury	Field-Holstein Property, Phelps Street	\$84,905
Greenwich	Cos Cob Power Station (Former), 22 Sound Shore Drive	\$116,291
Hartford	10 Reserve Road	\$59,403
	Hartford Car Wash, 2434-2470 Main Street	\$22,895
Ledyard	Erickson Property, 110-114 Military Highway	\$10,952
Manchester	Buckland Manufacturing, 131 Adams Street	\$26,408
Meriden	International Silver Factory, Cooper Street	\$80,000
Middletown	Portland Chemical Works, 680 Newfield Street	\$70,444
New Haven	34 Lloyd Street	\$50,000

New London	Penn Central Transportation Co., Foot of State Street	\$51,692
North Haven	249 Sackett Point Road	\$100,000
Norwich	26 Shipping Street	\$100,000
	Occum Roto Print, 2 Taftville-Occum Road	\$84,903
Plainfield	InterRoyal Mill, 20 Reservoir Road	\$116,397
Plymouth	Hart Property, 269 Main Street	\$75,000
Prospect	U.S. Cap & Jacket, Inc., 214 New Haven Road (Route 69)	\$78,836
Redding	Gilbert & Bennett, 1 North Main Street	\$100,000
Shelton	Rolfite Chemical, 131 Canal Street	\$61,815
	Samarius Property, 123 Canal Street	\$13,602
	Shelton Waterfront, Canal Street	\$100,000
Sprague	Baltic Mills	\$100,000
Vernon	Amerbelle Textiles, 104 East Main Street & 5 Brooklyn Street	\$100,000
	Hockanum Mill, 200 West Main Street	\$96,196
	Roosevelt Mills, 215 East Main Street	\$71,587
<b>EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessments Total:</b>		<b>\$2,077,470*</b>
*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 Connecticut since 1994.

<b>Financial Assistance to State Brownfields Program</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection	\$5,896,608
<b>State Program Total:</b>	<b>\$5,896,608*</b>
*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.

<b>Showcase Communities</b>	
<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Stamford	\$300,000
<b>Showcase Communities Total:</b>	<b>\$300,000*</b>
*Funding total current as of May 2006.	

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