



# **Brownfields Recovery Act Funding** **New England** **May 2009**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will provide \$100 million to the [EPA Brownfields Program](#) for clean up, revitalization, and sustainable reuse of contaminated properties. The funds will be awarded to eligible entities through job training, assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants.

## **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 Brownfields Recovery Act funding for each of the key Brownfields initiatives.

EPA Brownfields Recovery Act Funding in New England: Program Distribution by State							
Program	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT	Total
Assessment Grants	\$600,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,295,000	\$400,000	\$1,000,000	\$400,000	<b>\$5,695,000</b>
Cleanup Grants	\$345,033	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	<b>\$1,745,033</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$945,033</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$2,695,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$7,440,033</b>
Funding totals current as of <b>May 2009</b>							

## **ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

State, tribal, and local governments are eligible to apply for funding to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites. Applicants may apply for \$200,000 to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and \$200,000 to address sites contaminated by petroleum. Coalitions of three or more eligible entities may apply for up to \$1,000,000 and must assess a minimum of five sites. A community-wide proposal is one in which sites are not specifically identified. The performance period of these grants is three years and recipients are selected through an

annual national competition. The figures in the table that follows are cumulative totals for all Recovery Act Assessment Grants awarded in New England.

Assessment Grant Program		
State	Recipient	2009 Funding
Connecticut	Capital Region Council of Governments	\$400,000
	Meriden	\$200,000
Maine	Bath	\$200,000
	Greater Portland Council of Governments	\$400,000
	Maine Department of Environmental Protection	\$400,000
Massachusetts	Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	\$895,000
	Framingham	\$200,000
	Franklin Regional Council of Governments	\$200,000
	Merrimack Valley Planning Commission	\$400,000
	Montachusett Regional Planning Commission	\$200,000
	New Bedford	\$200,000
	Worcester	\$200,000
New Hampshire	Rockingham Planning Commission	\$400,000
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management	\$1,000,000
Vermont	Windham Regional Commission	\$400,000
<b>Assessment Grant Program Total:</b>		<b>\$5,695,000*</b>
*Funding total current as of May 2009.		

### **CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM**

State, tribal, local governments and nonprofits are eligible to apply for funding to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfields sites that they own. Applicants may apply for \$200,000 per site to address sites contaminated by petroleum and/or hazardous substances. Cleanup grants require a 20% cost share. Eligible applicants must own the site for which it is requesting funding in order to qualify. The performance period of these grants is three years and recipients are selected through an annual national competition. The figures in the table that follows are cumulative totals for all Recovery Act Cleanup Grants awarded in New England.

Cleanup Grant Program			
State	Recipient	Site	2009 Funding
Connecticut	Bristol	Former H.J. Mills Property, Lot 49-50	\$200,000
		Former H.J. Mills Property, Lots 61-1A & 61-2	\$145,033

State	Recipient	Site	2009 Funding
Maine	Howland	Old Howland Tannery, Lot 37	\$200,000
		Old Howland Tannery, Lot 75	\$200,000
		Old Howland Tannery, Lot 76	\$200,000
	Sanford	Sanford Mill, 61 Washington Street	\$200,000
Massachusetts	Holyoke	Former Mountain Road Firing Range	\$200,000
	North Brookfield	14 South Common Street	\$200,000
Rhode Island	Woonsocket	Former Lafayette Worsted Company Office Buildings, 150 Hamlet Avenue	\$200,000
<b>Cleanup Grant Program Total:</b>			<b>\$1,745,033*</b>
*Funding total current as of May 2009.			

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