



Brownfields 2013 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet *Midcoast Economic Development District, Coastal Maine*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders 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. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this 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.

Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Midcoast Economic Development District for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to four Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up to six Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop six cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to develop a brownfields site inventory, develop ranking criteria to evaluate these sites, and conduct community outreach activities. The District intends to focus activities on three coastal towns: Richmond, Topsham, and Thomaston.

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 (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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