



# **Brownfields 2014 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet**

## **Belfast, ME**

### **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.

### **Cleanup Grant**

#### ***\$200,000 for hazardous substances***

EPA has selected the City of Belfast for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Masker's Theater and Thompson's Wharf site located at 45 Front Street. The 1.5-acre site consists of two buildings, the Masker's Theater and the Storage Building, and Thompson's Wharf. The buildings on the site were utilized as a railroad facility and solid waste dump from 1870 until 1985. The site is contaminated with polycyclic aromatic compounds, volatile organic compounds, coal-combustion byproducts, and metals. Grant funds also will be used to develop final cleanup plans and support community involvement activities.

### **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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