

## Michaud Announces Major EPA Brownfields Funding for Maine

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According to the EPA, the grants will help communities clean up sites known as "brownfields" where expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed and expanded the definition of what is considered a brownfields site so that communities may now also address mine-scarred lands, sites contaminated by petroleum, or sites contaminated by the manufacture and distribution of illegal drugs. The Brownfields program encourages development of America's estimated 450,000 abandoned and contaminated waste sites.

The types of grants funded include:

- Assessment grants for conducting site assessment and planning for eventual cleanup at one or more brownfields sites or as part of a community-wide effort.
- Revolving Loan Fund grants for capitalizing a revolving loan fund and providing subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields sites.
- Cleanup grants for conducting cleanup activities at brownfields sites owned by grant selectees.

Regular Competition  
Funding

Applicant Name

Type of Grant

Approved Funding

Augusta

1 Assessment Grant

\$350,000

Lewiston

1 Assessment Grant

\$200,000

Museum L-A, Lewiston

1 Cleanup Grant

\$200,000

Northern  
Maine Development Commission

1 RLF Grant

\$1,000,000

Orono

1 Cleanup Grant

\$200,000

Passamaquoddy Tribe at  
Pleasant Point

1 Assessment Grant

\$200,000

Piscataquis County Economic Development Council

1 Assessment Grant

\$200,000

Sanford

1 Assessment Grant

\$200,000

Sanford

1 Cleanup Grant

\$200,000

Southern  
Maine Regional Planning Commission

1 RLF Grant

\$1,000,000

Washington County Council of  
Governments

2 Assessment Grants

\$400,000

Windham

Assessment Grant

\$200,000

American Recovery and  
Reinvestment Act Funding

Applicant Name

Type of Grant

Approved Funding

Bath

1 Assessment Grant

\$200,000

Greater Portland Council of  
Governments

2 Assessment Grants

\$400,000

Howland

3 Cleanup Grants

\$600,000

Maine Department of  
Environmental Protection

2 Assessment Grants

\$400,000

Sanford

1 Cleanup Grant

\$200,000

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