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VICE PRESIDENT GORE AWARDS BROWNFIELDS FUNDING, EXPANDING EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES

Washington, D.C. -- Vice President Al Gore today awarded 54 grants, totaling \$7.95 million, to help communities across the country redevelop brownfields -- abandoned, lightly contaminated properties often found in economically distressed areas -- and restore them to full economic viability and community use.

“The continuing success of the Administration’s brownfields revitalization efforts clearly demonstrates that environmental protection and economic development go hand-in-hand,” said Gore. “Thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of local and state officials, and with the help of the Administration, hundreds of communities are experiencing new growth and new opportunities.”

Communities that have received initial pilot grants will be awarded supplemental funding to build on their success in revitalizing brownfields. These investments are awarded competitively, based upon a community’s strong record of commitment to the cleanup of brownfields.

In the past seven years, the Clinton-Gore Administration has awarded over 300 EPA Brownfields Grants to states, cities, towns, and tribes throughout the nation totaling \$69 million. Together these grants have helped to create over 5,000 jobs and leveraged \$25 of private and public investment for every \$1 of grant money.

Today’s announcement is another step in the Clinton-Gore Administration’s continued efforts to protect the environment and public health, while promoting and maintaining economic viability. The brownfields redevelopment initiatives empower communities, providing them with the start-up funds to assess and inventory properties within their jurisdiction that may have contamination, in order to leverage funding for redeveloping those properties.

The Clinton-Gore Administration has taken significant strides towards the successful cleanup of brownfields and the return of these sites to productive use, including the creation of a national model to serve as a guide for communities in the process of creating revitalization plans, providing a tax incentive to businesses that purchase and participate in the cleanup of brownfields, and providing loans for a variety of types of brownfields revitalization efforts to communities across the country.

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The states, counties, communities, and tribes selected to receive supplemental brownfields grants are listed below:

Birmingham, AL	\$150,000	Miami-Dade County, FL	\$65,000
Bucks County, PA	\$150,000	Milwaukee, WI	\$150,000
Buffalo, NY	\$150,000	Montachusett Regional	
Cape Charles / Northampton		Planning Commission, MA	\$150,000
County, VA	\$100,000	Mystic Valley Development	
Charlotte, NC	\$100,000	Corporation (Cities of	
Chicago, IL	\$150,000	Malden, Medford, and	
Cincinnati, OH	\$150,000	Everett), MA	\$150,000
Clearwater, FL	\$50,000	Naugatuck Valley Regional	
Colrain, MA	\$40,000	Planning Agency, CT	\$150,000
Coralville, IA	\$100,000	New Hampshire Dept. of	
Des Moines, IA	\$150,000	Environmental Services	\$150,000
Detroit, MI	\$65,000	Niagara Falls, NY	\$150,000
Downriver Community		Oregon Economic and Community	
Conference, MI	\$150,000	Dev. Dept.	\$150,000
East Palo Alto, CA	\$100,000	Portland, OR	\$150,000
Emeryville, CA	\$150,000	Saginaw, MI	\$150,000
Englewood, CO	\$150,000	Salt Lake City, UT	\$150,000
Escambia County, FL	\$100,000	Seattle/King County, WA	\$150,000
Everett, WA	\$100,000	Shenandoah, VA	\$100,000
Glen Cove, NY	\$100,000	Shreveport, LA	\$150,000
Greenfield, MA	\$120,000	South Florida Regional	
Hartford, CT	\$150,000	Planning Council	\$100,000
Hudson County, NJ	\$150,000	Springfield, MA	\$150,000
Indianapolis, IN	\$150,000	St. Louis, MO	\$100,000
Kalamazoo, MI	\$150,000	St. Louis County, MO	\$100,000
Kansas City, MO/KS	\$150,000	Trenton, NJ	\$150,000
Las Vegas, NV	\$100,000	Tulsa, OK	\$150,000
Lewiston, ME	\$75,000	Turtle Mountain Band of	
Long Beach, CA	\$150,000	Chippewa, ND	\$150,000
Lowell, MA	\$150,000	Wayne County, MI	\$150,000
Lynn, MA	\$150,000	Ypsilanti, MI	\$150,000
Miami, FL	\$135,000		

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The states, counties, communities and tribes selected to receive additional funds for the assessment of contaminated sites to protect, preserve, and create greenspace include:

Clearwater, FL	\$50,000	Miami, FL	\$50,000
Downriver Community Conference, MI	\$50,000	Oregon Economic and Community Dev. Dept.	\$50,000
Emeryville, CA	\$50,000	Saginaw, MI	\$50,000
Glen Cove, NY	\$50,000	Salt Lake City, UT	\$50,000
Hudson County, NJ	\$50,000	Seattle / King County, WA	\$50,000
Kalamazoo, MI	\$50,000	Shenandoah, VA	\$50,000
Kansas City, MO / KS	\$50,000	Shreveport, LA	\$50,000
Las Vegas, NV	\$50,000	Springfield, MA	\$50,000
Long Beach, CA	\$50,000	Trenton, NJ	\$50,000
Lowell, MA	\$50,000		

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