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Region IV Receives \$300,000 for Brownfield Revitalization Program

TWIN FALLS, ID – November 12, 2021 – Region IV Development Association (RIVDA) was awarded \$300,000 in Brownfield funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). RIVDA, an economic development organization that was founded to encourage the development and diversification of South-central Idaho’s economy, will establish a Brownfield Committee to inventory potential brownfield properties and to assess priority sites for redevelopment. **RIVDA President Jeff McCurdy said**, “It is exciting to be awarded these federal dollars and help improve our communities by making properties more desirable. This is the first step in cleaning up blighted properties and creating new opportunities for the region.”

Brownfields are abandoned or underutilized properties where reuse is complicated by actual or suspected environmental contamination. “These assessment and cleanup grants will not only support economic growth and job creation, but they will also empower communities to address the environmental, public health, and social issues associated with contaminated land,” **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan**. The Region IV Community-Wide Assessment grant will run from October 2021 to September 2024 and will include properties in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls counties. For more information on this funding award, visit <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-selection-151-communities-receive-665-million-brownfields-assessment-and>. To learn more about Region IV Development, visit www.rivda.org.

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