

City of Cincinnati



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION MEMO

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Cheryl P. Meadows, Director of Employment and Training Division

SUBJECT: Brownfields Job Training and Development Grant

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded \$200,000 in grants to provide environmental jobs at Brownfields sites in Cincinnati and Gary, Indiana for a period of 2 years.

With its grant, the City of Cincinnati aims to provide 75 community residents with skills to participate in ongoing Brownfields assessment and cleanup projects. The training program includes units on health and safety, emergency response, innovative remediation technologies, and lead abatement.

The grants, formally known as Job Training Demonstration Pilot Projects, are provided to local governments to teach environmental cleanup job skills to individuals living in low income areas affected by Brownfields cleanup. Many of the individuals who successfully complete the training program will go on to pursue careers with environmental firms and organizations, or pursue advanced degree programs at U.C.

Ten grants, totaling \$2 million, were awarded in nine states and Washington, D.C., in late December. The Cincinnati, Ohio and Gary, Indiana grants were the only ones in EPA Region 5. The project activities will begin implementation on February 1, 2002. The City Administration will provide updated reports to City Council on this project.

APPROVED:

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