

# Grants

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## **Department of Energy Awards \$200,000 Grant to the Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative Community Reuse Organization**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Department of Energy has awarded \$200,000 in the form of a competitive grant to the Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative (SRRDI). SRRDI is the community reuse organization (CRO) for the Department's Savannah River Site.

The SRRDI applied for funding from the Department's Office of Worker and Community Transition in the form of a competitive grant. Each CRO can apply for funds under the Small Capital Program (small cap) up to \$200,000 and/or the Large Capital Program (large cap) up to one million dollars.

"The Energy Department is a good neighbor to the communities surrounding our sites," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said. "We will continue to work with SRRDI and other community reuse organizations around the country, to retain, expand or create jobs for workers affected by restructuring efforts."

The SRRDI applied for one small cap grant in the amount of \$200,000. This competitive grant will be used to purchase, upgrade, and reuse a 100,000 square foot industrial building in Allendale County formerly owned by Shaw Industries. Known as Project Shaw, this project will create a minimum of 25 new jobs immediately and will add to the community's economic development inventory. This project dovetails with the Tri-County Alliance's economic development efforts in Allendale County. The Tri-County Alliance, the regional economic development organization representing Allendale, Barnwell, and Bamberg Counties in South Carolina, is constructing a 140-acre industrial park within ½ mile of the Shaw building.