

# Grants

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## Department of Energy Awards \$600,000 to Tri-City Industrial Development Council Community Reuse Organization

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded \$600,000 in the form of competitive grants to the Tri-City Industrial Development Council (TRIDEC). TRIDEC is the community reuse organization (CRO) for the department's Hanford site.

"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 TRIDEC and other community reuse organizations around the country, to retain, expand or create jobs for workers affected by restructuring efforts."

TRIDEC applied for funding from the department's Office of Worker and Community Transition in the form of competitive grants. 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.

TRIDEC applied for three small cap grants. The first grant for \$200,000 will be used for the Tri-City Industrial Development Council Industrial Recruitment Program. This program is a continuation of the successful system currently in place and is a format for the management of communications with companies interested in expanding or relocating existing operations to the greater Tri-City area. The second grant in the amount of \$200,000 will be used for the Tri-City Industrial Development Council Business Incentive Fund. This program would allow the community to continue to offer incentives to firms moving to or expanding in the Tri-City area. The third small cap grant in the amount of \$200,000 is for the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Development Program. The purpose of the program is to identify some of the historical and contemporary trends in the HUB marketplace and attempt to mitigate them as they relate to the Tri City area. HUBs are defined as businesses whose owners are African-American, Hispanics, Asians, and Pacific Islanders, American Indian and Alaska Natives.

These grants are expected to create more than 400 new jobs for displaced Hanford workers and other community members.

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