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## **AOC SUPPORTS BROWNFIELDS LEGISLATION**

### **HB 4084**

There are thousands of polluted and often abandoned sites known as brownfields throughout Oregon. Every county is impacted, from Baker to Clatsop, Josephine to Multnomah. Many times, counties end up “holding the bag” after acquiring brownfields as foreclosed properties. Evaluation, clean-up, and redevelopment of these sites can seem impossible.

Business Oregon’s Brownfields Programs, which include the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund and the Oregon Coalition Brownfields Cleanup Fund, have been extremely helpful to counties in promoting economic development by turning polluted properties into productive ones. The attached sheet shows the number and amount of loans and grants awarded to individual counties, both urban and rural. Since 2002, nearly \$18.6 million were awarded to 102 projects. With thousands of brownfields sites, this is just a drop in the bucket.

Counties would appreciate having more tools to deal with these brownfields. HB 4084 would provide an additional tool through a tax incentive program. The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) supports HB 4084 to encourage brownfields remediation.

AOC seeks the assistance of the Legislature in dealing with this environmental, public health, and economic development issue.

Please contact Mary Stern at [mstern@oregoncountie.org](mailto:mstern@oregoncountie.org) for more information about AOC or this issue.

**Business Oregon  
Total Brownfields Program Funding By County**

<b>County</b>	<b># of Grant Awards</b>	<b>Total Grant \$ Awarded</b>		<b># of Loan Awards</b>	<b>Total \$ Loan Awarded</b>	<b>Total \$ Awarded to County</b>
Baker	1	\$ 200,000.00		0	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
Benton	2	\$ 82,500.00		0		\$ 82,500.00
Clackamas	4	\$ 415,000.00		1	\$ 474,000.00	\$ 889,000.00
Clatsop	2	\$ 137,900.00		0		\$ 137,900.00
Columbia	2	\$ 85,000.00		0		\$ 85,000.00
Coos	3	\$ 86,918.00		0		\$ 86,918.00
Crook	2	\$ 87,320.00		0		\$ 87,320.00
Curry	0			0		\$ -
Deschutes	2	\$ 27,403.00		0		\$ 27,403.00
Douglas	2	\$ 120,000.00		0		\$ 120,000.00
Gilliam	7	\$ 368,473.00		0		\$ 368,473.00
Grant	3	\$ 99,404.00		0		\$ 99,404.00
Harney	1	\$ 3,389.00		0		\$ 3,389.00
Hood River	0			0		\$ -
Jackson	0			0		\$ -
Jefferson	1	\$ 99,000.00		0		\$ 99,000.00
Josephine	5	\$ 374,739.00		1	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,874,739.00
Klamath	0			0		\$ -
Lake	0			0		\$ -
Lane	3	\$ 322,528.00		2	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 472,528.00
Lincoln	7	\$ 821,125.00		1	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 2,121,125.00
Linn	4	\$ 211,186.00		0		\$ 211,186.00
Malheur	0			0		\$ -
Marion	5	\$ 166,939.00		1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 186,939.00
Morrow	1	\$ 17,600.00		0		\$ 17,600.00
Multnomah	12	\$ 444,678.00		7	\$ 9,607,579.00	\$ 10,052,257.00
Polk	0			0		\$ -
Sherman	0			0		\$ -
Tillamook	3	\$ 107,943.00		0		\$ 107,943.00
Umatilla	0			0		\$ -
Union	1	\$ 233,775.00		0		\$ 233,775.00
Wallowa	0			0		\$ -
Wasco	2	\$ 58,333.00		0		\$ 58,333.00
Washington	6	\$ 359,672.00		4	\$ 546,239.00	\$ 905,911.00

Wheeler	1	\$ 7,730.00		0		\$ 7,730.00
Yamhill	3	\$ 55,940.00		0		\$ 55,940.00
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>\$ 4,994,495.00</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 13,597,818.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,592,313.00</b>