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# County gives \$200,000 grant to Centro Civico for environmental cleanup

**Salt Lake County, UT**—Mayor Ben McAdams said the county is partnering with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help Centro Civico move forward with environmental cleanup of its property in the city. The remediation will allow for the eventual development of new senior housing and a cultural center on land owned by the non-profit organization.

McAdams said the county's award matches the \$200,000 grant provided by the EPA's Brownfields grant program. The cleanup project will remove contaminated soils on the property. The program's purpose is to help communities recycle vacant and abandoned properties for new, productive uses. The county's funds will also help with asbestos and lead removal from an existing building.

"Centro Civico Mexicano is the oldest Hispanic organization in Utah, founded by immigrants who came to work on the railroads and in the mines following World War I," said McAdams. "Future plans for the site include a much-needed multi-use community facility in the Depot District Redevelopment Project Area of the city."

McAdams said that the Hispanic community represents approximately 17 percent of the county's total population, making it the largest ethnic community. He said once cleanup is complete, development can begin on a new 60-unit senior housing project and, during later phases, retail stores and a modern civic center.

McAdams said more information on the EPA's Brownfields Program is available at <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>.