The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the City of South Gate $500,000 to assess properties that could be cleaned up and redeveloped to meet the City's economic and housing goals.

**What is a Brownfield?**
A Brownfield site is a property where expansion, redevelopment or reuse efforts are complicated by the presence or potential presence of an environmental contamination. Common examples are vacant or underutilized properties, like industrial sites.

**What will the grant be used for?**
This grant will be used to inventory Brownfield sites in the City and conduct a limited number of environmental site assessments to identify properties that can be redeveloped. It will also be used to promote equitable outreach to ensure that community members are included in the decision-making process.

**Why redevelop these sites?**
Seventy-five percent of South Gate is dedicated for industrial purposes and many of these properties are vacant or underutilized. The cleanup of these Brownfield properties would allow for the development of housing units, creation of jobs and provide revenue to the City and local economy annually after redevelopment.

**What parts of South Gate will be cleaned up?**
This grant will be used for Brownfields located across the City with a focus in the Gateway District, Tweedy Boulevard, Hollydale Village and El Paseo neighborhoods. These locations were selected because they provide an opportunity to revitalize key areas of the City with a plan that embodies the best of South Gate's history and its future potential.

**How are sites inventoried and prioritized?**
Sites are inventoried and prioritized using a variety of criteria including location, potential contamination and how reuse fits into the City's general plan, affordable housing and economic goals, and community expectations and needs. The City will be holding meetings, attending events and conducting other outreach in the near future to ensure public feedback is incorporated into the prioritization process.