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**THE GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND MAKES NEW
BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION
PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENTS**

Ottawa, ON – FCM today launched a new Green Municipal Fund (GMF) funding opportunity for municipal governments for the remediation of brownfield sites.

Through the Brownfield Remediation Request for Proposals (RFP) process, GMF will award approximately \$20 million in low interest loans to support the implementation of projects.

The Brownfield Remediation RFP encourages the remediation and redevelopment of municipally and privately-owned brownfields. Applicants must be municipal governments. Where permissible under provincial/territorial legislation, municipal governments may use GMF loans to provide grants or loans to private developers to fund a portion of the cost of site remediation.

The Brownfield RFP opens **May 10, 2006**. The Intent to Apply form, along with details of the RFP, will be available at www.sustainablecommunities.ca. The deadline for submission of the Intent to Apply for this RFP is **May 31, 2006**. Applicants will be notified if their Intent to Apply is accepted and asked to submit a detailed proposal that will be reviewed by a team of independent, third-party experts. Funding will depend primarily on the anticipated environmental benefit (soil quality improvement and the degree of sustainability of the proposed redevelopment activity) and secondarily on the basis of anticipated social and economic benefits. The RFP closes **July 12, 2006**.

The Government of Canada established GMF through an endowment of \$550 million to FCM. The Fund supports partnerships and leveraging of both public and private sector funding to reach higher standards of air, water and soil quality, and climate protection. There will be at least one RFP each year in the following categories: energy, waste, water, sustainable transportation, and brownfield remediation.

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