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## News Release

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### **The City of Pawnee Receives Grant for Environmental Cleanup**

A ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, to award the City of Pawnee a Brownfields cleanup grant from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The event will take place at Pawnee City Hall located at 510 Illinois Street in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

The grant will be used for asbestos abatement within the former Municipal Hospital. The City of Pawnee acquired the land in 1894, and the hospital was constructed in 1938. The hospital operated until 2007 and has since been vacant. The City of Pawnee plans to revitalize the building and utilize it for low-income and senior housing or community medical services.

The Brownfields cleanup grants finance shovel-ready brownfields cleanup projects, encourage redevelopment, and create local jobs in communities across the state. The funds may be used to clean up contaminated properties. Low-interest loans are available to public entities and “for profit” organizations.

For more information on DEQ’s Brownfields Program, visit <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/brownfindex.html>.

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