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## HUNTINGTON E.D.A. GRANT CLOSE TO REALITY, RAHALL SAYS

Huntington, W. Va. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall today announced that the U.S. Economic Development Administration has invited the City of Huntington to submit its application for a \$100,000.00 planning grant for the City which will study the severe loss of jobs the City has suffered, and make recommendations as to how jobs may be recreated. The invitation to submit an application practically assures the city of being awarded the grant.

Rep. Rahall has been working with the City and EDA on this application for several months. "This action of authorizing the City to submit a formal application reasonably assures that the planning grant will be awarded," Rahall explained. "The City will sit down with EDA and iron out the details of the application and a funding decision can be expected within the next 30 days."

Rahall added, "This study will provide guidance to the City on what areas it may pursue to re-employ its workers. I hope this will serve as the major roadmap for West Virginia's largest City as it continues on the road of recovery in rebuilding its economic base."

The Congressman in working with the City of Huntington on the planning grant expressed belief the the results of the study would provide a concrete foundation on which the City may apply for additional monies through other EDA Programs as well as other federal programs.

Rahall, in attempting to mold a closer working relationship between the Huntington area and EDA, has urged the Region II Planning and Development to actively pursue application for operational funding from EDA. By receiving funding from EDA, Region II's relationship with EDA will foster a commitment from the agency to the Region and should serve as a basis for further assistance from EDA to Region II in terms of other grant programs.