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RAHALL ANNOUNCES EDA GRANT TO REGION II FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the U.S. Economic Development Administration has awarded the Region II, Planning and Development Council \$50,000.

Rahall said the funds will be used to establish and maintain an Economic Development Planning and Implementation Program in the region.

"This award will provide resource people for Region II, and enhance its ability to seek out funding alternatives and new sources," Rahall said. "The new technical assistant will assist groups in obtaining necessary funding."

Rahall has worked extensively with Assistant Secretary of Commerce of Economic Development Orson Swindle and Region II Executive Director Michele Craig in seeking approval of funding for the planning and implementation program.

Region II covers Cabell, Wayne, Logan and Mingo Counties in Rahall's District in addition to several other Western West Virginia Counties.