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RAHALL SAYS HUNTINGTON INCUBATOR CLOSER TO BECOMING A REALITY

WASHINGTON - The Huntington Enterprise Center has taken another step to becoming a reality after approval of funding by the Regional Director of the U.S. Economic Development Administration, said Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.).

Rahall said the EDA Regional Director in Philadelphia, John Corrigan, has informed him that Huntington's request for funding has been favorably forwarded to the EDA in Washington, the last step before funds are allocated.

"Huntington has requested one million dollars to create a small business incubator in the Corbin Building at 2501 Guyan Avenue," Rahall said. "I have previously met with Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Orson Swindle in my office and worked with him through the various stages of the application. I plan to contact Mr. Swindle and once again make known my support of the Huntington project and its importance to the local economy."

Huntington officials filed for funding of a small business incubator in early May at Rahall's request.

"I approached Mayor Nelson and advised him of the availability of EDA funding and urged him and the city to file an application for these funds so our dream of a small business incubator in Huntington could become a reality," Rahall said.

The Huntington proposal, along with the favorable report from regional director Corrigan, must now gain approval from the U.S. Economic Development Administration in Washington.