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RAHALL GOES TO BAT FOR HUNTINGTON UDAG APPLICATION

Washington - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today announced that he is 100% behind the City of Huntington in its attempts to land an Urban Development Action Grant to fund the RiverCenter development project.

The UDAG program, which despite efforts from Rahall, was not funded by Congress for Fiscal Year 1989 and the program has approximately \$50 million to grant cities in a last round of funding. In his letter to Stanley Newman, Director of the Office of Urban Development Action Grants for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rahall said the project is vital to the economy of downtown Huntington.

"I stand behind Huntington Mayor Nelson and the City of Huntington in their attempts to secure funding for this project which will tremendously boost the economy of downtown Huntington," Rahall stated in the letter.

Huntington has applied for \$10 million for the project. An earlier application for \$12 million was never activated because major tenants had not been secured for the office tower portion of the project.