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FOUR COUNTIES RECEIVE A \$50,000 GRANT FROM THE ARC

BECKLEY, W.V. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall announced today that the Appalachian Regional Commission granted \$50,000 to the Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning (REAL) Enterprise program for next year's operations.

The program is operated in the counties of Mingo, Raleigh, Roane, and Hampshire. The goal of this program is to encourage and provide training for entrepreneurs to start their own businesses in these areas.

"There are many individuals in these areas who have the desire to start their own businesses," explained Rahall. "This program gives these individuals the training and assistance they need to do so."



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PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Project No. and Title: West Virginia University REAL Enterprise, Multi-County, State of West Virginia, ARC Contract No. 93-42/WV-11263-94-C2-302-0127

Grantee: West Virginia University Research Corporation

Funding:

ARC:	\$50,000
Federal:	
Non-Federal:	
State:	
Local:	<u>53,391</u>
Total:	\$103,391

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Appalachian Regional Commission announced today the approval of a \$50,000 grant for third year operations of the Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning (REAL) Enterprises program. The concept of REAL is to teach high school, community college, and college students how to set up and operate their own business. The project targets the counties of Mingo, Raleigh, Roane, and Hampshire.

The project goal is to address the problem of economic development by encouraging entrepreneurs to start their own business. Using the national REAL Enterprise concept local high schools and community colleges are testing the possibilities of local entrepreneurship. Local and state level Extension Service faculty provide the ongoing technical assistance and administrative support to sustain the activities.

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Total project cost will be \$103,391. Local sources will contribute \$53,391.