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Waynesburg, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha announced today the approval of a \$350,000 grant to Southwestern Pennsylvania Community Development Corp. for a loan fund that will support the construction of a new building in EverGreene Technology Park.

"I visited EverGreene recently for the opening of RJ Lee, and I was quite pleased with the progress that's being made there and the new jobs we've attracted," Murtha said. "This grant will help to continue that progress with the potential to create 38 or more additional jobs at EverGreene."

The funds are coming from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Community Services, Murtha said.

The Community Development Corp. will make a \$300,000 business-investment loan to the Greene County Industrial Development Corporation. The GCIDC is developing the 248-acre business park in Franklin Township and will use the loan funds to support the development of a new building that will be available to companies that need space.

The CDC has loaned the Industrial Development Corporation \$300,000 previously, and the resultant development yielded the construction of a 40,000 square foot building and the start-up of another building. A total of at least 30 new jobs will be created as a result of the Phase I project.

"We're very pleased to be part of this economic-development project for Greene County to bring new jobs to the area," said Darlene Bigler, executive director of Community Action Southwest."