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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha said today that funding he obtained for the Belmont Complex has been released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The \$198,000 grant, from fiscal year 2006 appropriations, is the second of two the congressman secured for work on the facility. This is in addition to the \$242,500 that he obtained in 2005 for the project.

"I've visited three or four times during the reconstruction, and it has been a pleasure to watch the new Belmont Complex emerge," Murtha said. "The complex is important to recreation in Armstrong County, but it's also an asset to our ongoing job-development efforts because companies consider quality of life and recreation amenities when they're searching for new locations. So I'm gratified to be part of the rebirth of a facility that plays such a vital role in the region."

The Belmont Complex provides recreational opportunities, including swimming, to the community, local public schools, and organized sports. The Complex is the only such facility in the county. In February 2003 a fire destroyed the concession stand and locker rooms. This project rebuilds the damaged portion and adds site improvements (handicap accessibility and extensive interior/exterior renovations) to accommodate more users.