

June 5, 2008 - USDA Approves \$500,000 in Grants for Fayette County

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman

John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development has approved grants totaling \$500,000 for two projects in Fayette County.

Fay-Penn Economic Development Council was awarded \$300,000 to provide loans to local businesses as part of an ongoing, aggressive effort to revitalize downtown businesses throughout the county.

Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc. was awarded \$200,000 to continue renovations of the Republic Business Incubator. The ongoing project will renovate an existing 70,000 square foot building into an affordable space for attracting new and emerging businesses to the area. Murtha was able to secure \$350,000 for the project in Fiscal Year 2003.

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