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Sweeney announces grant for Essex County

WASHINGTON – Representative John E. Sweeney (R-Clifton Park) has announced the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Project has awarded the Essex County Industrial Development Agency a \$95,000 grant to support small-business development throughout Essex County.

“These loans will meet with the needs of the small-business community – the backbone of our region's economy,” said Sweeney.

The rural- development funds will assist emerging private businesses in the area having fewer than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. The loan will assist three to four businesses creating six to eight new jobs.

Sweeney highlighted the importance of this loan by noting that 90 percent of business in the area is small business.

“The people in this region rely on the success of small business,” said Sweeney. “These funds show them we are working to help small businesses grow, providing a boost to the local economy.”