

Published March 26, 2008 05:00 am - Is one of six grants announced Tuesday by Gov. Paterson creating 1,000 new jobs upstate.

Ti among upstate recipients of grants for jobs

19 jobs to be created by building extension to sewer system; Best Western a partner on project

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ALBANY -- Gov. David Paterson announced Tuesday that six grants totaling \$5.5 million will help create more than 1,000 new jobs during the next three years in upstate New York.

One of the grants will help create 19 jobs in Ticonderoga.

Nearly \$3.8 million of the grants was federal money and about \$1.7 million came from the Empire State Development Corporation. The state's Housing Trust Fund Corporation, created to help meet the housing needs of low income New Yorkers, approved the grants Tuesday.

Most of the new jobs will be available to low- and moderate-income New Yorkers.

The projects include:

The Town of Ticonderoga in Essex County will receive \$750,000 to help build an extension to the municipal wastewater collection system. Best Western, one of the companies that will be served by the wastewater system, is investing \$5.5 million in the project and creating 19 new jobs. The project will also retain 28 jobs at existing businesses.

Green Island Power Authority Expansion in Albany County. The Village of Green Island will receive a \$750,000 grant to help the municipality's power authority expand to serve two local businesses that had considered relocating out of state because of high energy costs. The grant maintains 120 jobs and creates 23 new ones during a three-year period.

The City of Olean in Cattaraugus County was awarded \$750,000. The grant will help Data Listing Services, LLC, create a new call center, generating 450 new jobs in the next three years.

Montgomery County will receive \$503,500. The grant will help Power Pallet Inc. create 65 new jobs. The company recycles wooden pallets used in transportation and storage. An additional \$700,000 came from an Empire State Development Grant.

The City of Lockport in Niagara County will receive \$266,000. The grant will help Niagara Produce Inc., a retail grocery and market, expand and add 31 new jobs.

The Town of Erwin in Steuben County will receive \$750,000 to help Sitel Corporation create a call center and generate 400 new full-time jobs and 50 new part-time jobs. An additional \$1 million came from the Empire State Development grant.