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Moriah gets economic-development grant

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MINEVILLE — The Moriah Business Park gets an extra \$37,000 because the project was finished under budget and ahead of schedule.

The Town of Moriah was given a \$36,890 performance award by the U.S. Economic Development Administration for doing a good job in the creation of the Business Park.

Moriah Town Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava said they're pleased to be rewarded for doing a good job.

"We're glad to have this money. The IDA is using it for infrastructure work in the park."

The original grant to expand the park was about \$368,900 in 2007. It funded infrastructure to support the expansion of the Moriah Business Park and enabled several local businesses to expand to create additional jobs.

"This additional award to the Town of Moriah is a testament to the hard work and good management by the local community," Congressman John M. McHugh (R- Pierrepont Manor) said in a statement announcing the grant.

"I am thrilled that the EDA rewarded this effort with an additional award and know that it will be put to good use to continue to stimulate growth in Essex County."

Scozzafava praised McHugh for getting them the money to build the park.

"The Moriah Business Park project would never have been built without the support from both the Economic Development Administration and Rep. John McHugh."

The park has two tenants: Pre-Tech Plastics and the Moriah Health Center.

Essex County Industrial Development Agency Co-Director Jody Olcott said the latest funds will be used to fund a new joint venture with Champlain Valley Technical Education Center's Mineville campus to train their Environmental Conservation classes in construction and site development.

"The project will further develop the six shovel-ready sites, as well as give hands-on experience to the students."

The Moriah Health Center opened in the park in early 2008.

"The community has been greatly enhanced with the opening of the new Health Center," Olcott said.

"The park's further development will attract more business interests, and it should have a

direct economic impact in the community and Essex County."

The new grant comes from an Economic Development Administration program that allows a performance award of up to 10 percent of the amount of the original investment.

"This is a project that will encourage economic-development opportunities throughout the area," Scozzafava said.

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