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Arctic Char Processing Facility Reaps Benefits From Grant

Morgantown, WV – April 13, 2004: State Director Jenny Phillips today announced that Rural Development has approved grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 for Logan County Development Authority in Logan, Logan County, WV. The assistance will be made through a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG).

The grant would be used to purchase land and building to be leased to WV Aqua, LLC, for its arctic char processing facility in Man, WV. The facility will allow for expansion of the operation and require 10 highly skilled employees.

"The funds will provide continued support for locally-driven community and economic development efforts, demonstrating Rural Development's commitment to the future of our rural communities," Phillips said.

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