

City, county look into investments

Project update could lead to potential job creation

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Huntington city and county officials have recently showed interest in helping a local manufacturer fund a project that could update its facilities and create the potential for new jobs.

The County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee and the Huntington County Commissioners have given preliminary approval for a grant proposed by Huntington Aluminum. The company is in the process of gauging community support for a \$53,000 project that would update electrical systems in two buildings on its property, creating the opportunity to

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accommodate additional manufacturing equipment.

"There is a possibility that the company will make an investment in updating their electrical infrastructure onsite in order to create additional job opportunities," Mark Wickersham, executive director of Huntington County Economic Development, said.

Wickersham, who presented the proposal to the Huntington County Commissioners Monday, said investing CEDIT money could have returns in the form of income and property taxes.

The CEDIT Advisory Committee and the Huntington County Commissioners have each shown interest in investing \$7,500 in the project to help update the company's electrical infrastructure and add four new jobs at \$14 an hour. That's a total of \$15,000 in support should the company go through with its plan.

Huntington Aluminum recently started operations in the 58,000-square-foot former Gotec Plus facility in Riverforks Industrial Park. The company melts down aluminum chips and forms them into blocks to sell to manufacturers.

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