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**EDITORS:** The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Grigalonis, chief operating officer of the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700.

## **Recovery Zone Bond funds available for second round of applications**

*Chester County Economic Development Council receiving requests*

**EXTON** \_ The Chester County Industrial Development Authority (CCIDA) is accepting applications for the second round of federal Recovery Zone Bond allocations. Approximately \$5.5 million is available in two categories.

Facility bonds for private use have a volume cap remaining of \$3.7 million while Economic Development bonds for municipal use have a volume cap remaining of \$1.8 million. The CCIDA will accept applications until all of the allocation has been awarded.

The Chester County Economic Development Council serves as staff to CCIDA and will be accepting the applications. Borrowers wishing to apply for recovery zone financing should contact Gary Smith, Mike Grigalonis or Kathy Field at the Chester County Economic Development Council (610-458-5700) to obtain an application. The application is also available at [www.cceconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.cceconomicdevelopment.com)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included a new low-interest economic development financing tool called Recovery Zone Bonds. The bonds were allocated to each county in the United States, which was then responsible for identifying its own recovery zones. The County of Chester designated the county's 15 boroughs and the City of Coatesville as Recovery Zones in January, 2010. Only projects located within the designated recovery zones can access this financing.

The Chester County Commissioners authorized the Chester County Industrial Development Authority to administer the program. The Chester County Economic Development Council provides the staff to the CCIDA and is collaborating with the CCIDA Board to implement the program.

To be eligible for the funds, the project must be located in the recovery zone, financing must be in place by December 31, 2010, and only project costs incurred after January 27, 2010, are eligible.

Facility Bonds may be used to finance depreciable property actively used in a qualified business within a Recovery Zone, provided the property is acquired after the Recovery Zone designation.

Economic Development Bonds may be used to finance economic activities, including capital expenditures paid or incurred for property in a Recovery Zone, expenditures for public infrastructure and construction of public facilities and expenditures for job training and educational programs.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for 50 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes:

low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its facility in Eagleview. For more information, see [www.cceconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.cceconomicdevelopment.com).