

***Business Nonprofit Gets Grant
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CHESTER - The Chester Microenterprise Partnership, a nonprofit group that helps prospective and newly established businesses with fewer than five employees develop operating plans and obtain low-interest loans, received a \$250,000 state grant yesterday.

The money from the Department of Community and Economic Development will allow the Chester partnership, a branch of the Philadelphia Development Partnership, to hire more staff and expand its outreach programs, said director Jim Turner. Lt. Gov. Mark Schweiker presented the grant at a reception in Chester.

Turner added that since late 1999, when the Chester Microenterprise Partnership opened its doors, it has provided services to 188 people and helped 95 businesses get started.