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PAHIC Launches *Project Invest in PA Hemp*

The Pennsylvania Hemp Industry Council Awarded \$150K Grant to Promote Hemp in PA

Reading, PA:

The Pennsylvania Hemp Industry Council (PAHIC) was awarded \$150,000 for Project Invest in PA Hemp which aims to attract investment in the PA hemp industry. The project submission represents a collaboration of six solid PA companies to promote three key hemp industry verticals: Grain, Construction Materials & Textiles. The project partners, Hemp-Alternative, LLC, DON Processing LLC, Americhanvre LLC, Coexist Build LLC, PhilaFabric LLC and Intention Lifestyles, LLC are a diverse representation of the state's geographic regions and hemp industries.

The \$150K award is part of the Department of Agriculture Acting Secretary Russell Redding's [announcement](#) of \$200,000 in grants to agriculture nonprofits to fund projects aimed at growing fiber and food hemp markets, sales and awareness in Pennsylvania. "Hemp has offered a rare opportunity to grow a Pennsylvania industry from the ground up, springing from a material with seemingly limitless uses in sustainable construction materials, fiber and food products," said Sec. Redding In Friday's [press release](#). "These grants will boost an industry that was once a staple of Pennsylvania's economy and is again presenting opportunities for new businesses, farm income, jobs, and climate-friendly, environmentally sound products."

"Pennsylvania is a very strong agricultural state with over 52 thousand farms and 8 million acres of farm land. These farmers, the entire state, as well as the environment will benefit tremendously a robust hemp industry. With our ideal climate and proximity to major markets, we have everything we need to lead." Said PAHIC Chair, Erica Stark. "Hemp can help propel Pennsylvania to the forefront of a new paradigm that integrates, complements and strengthens efforts to becoming more self-sufficient and sustainable."

Attracting investment in industrial hemp products is necessary for Pennsylvania to become a market leader. Facilitating growth and development of agricultural hemp products in Pennsylvania (PA) starts by attracting funding for PA producers, agribusinesses and entrepreneurs. Public and private funding to support product development, supply chains and global distribution is the key to increase consumer awareness of upcoming agricultural hemp products and ultimately increase demand and sales of these products.

“The message PA offers about its strengths and potential to lead this market must be broad, deep and focus on the key industry verticals of grain, textiles and construction materials which collectively make investment in PA hemp businesses a powerful play. The key is to promote the opportunity and highlight the benefits of reviving the hemp industry here in PA.,” explained Lori Daytner, Secretary, PAHIC.

Updates on the grant project progress as well as PAHIC’s other initiatives will be frequently updated on our website www.pahic.org

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About PAHIC:

The Pennsylvania Hemp Industry Council is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization that seeks to accelerate the return of the Industrial Hemp Crop to the Pennsylvania agricultural landscape. To effectively achieve our aim of broad adoption of Industrial Hemp as a rotational crop by farmers, we will build a vital and effective collaboration of agencies, individuals and the general public.