

Southeast Kentucky Economic Development

USDA and SKED Partner to Create Jobs in East Kentucky



Former University of Kentucky basketball player and entrepreneur Jeff Shepard, above, was assisted in the development and financing of his private label apparel and promotions company: 15inc, with RBEG funds.

For more information about 15inc, call (606) 877-1505 or go to www.15inc.com

SKED will use a \$150,000 USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) to provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs in 22 counties by helping them start, stabilize and grow successful businesses. The technical assistance will include: business readiness assessments, consulting and counseling, loan packaging and resource and referral.



"The Rural Business Enterprise Grant funds will be effectively utilized to help rural businesses and entrepreneurs obtain the technical assistance they need to thrive, grow and create jobs."

Tom Fern
Rural Development State Director

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

Grant Award: \$150,000

Jobs Created: 75



To learn more about SKED and how we can assist you grow and expand your business, obtain low cost financing or receive free professional site selection services, visit us at: www.southeastkentucky.com or call (606) 677-6100.

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