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First BMC Grant Recipient Announced

Mary Gajewski, owner of From My House to Yours in Mt. Olive, was approved and awarded the first Build Macoupin County Energy Efficiency Grant funds. The grant, announced in January, is available to assist businesses and commercial building owners located in Macoupin County to make needed improvements to their structures. Macoupin Economic Development Partnership administers the grant; focusing on both reduction of energy consumption and job creation.

Funds are still available for approved projects. Grantees may receive up to 100% of the remaining project costs once all qualifications and guidelines have been met and approved.

“The process was easy. Anytime you can get help as a small business owner, it’s good,” said Gajewski. “I needed to replace my furnace anyway. This grant helped me to recoup some of my out-of-pocket expense.”

Gajewski was awarded \$2,705.00 for her HVAC system replacement. Other qualifying projects include lighting, refrigeration upgrades and replacement of building window and doors. Businesses must be located in MEDP member communities as of October 15, 2010. The City of Mt. Olive is a MEDP member, making any business within their city limits eligible for reimbursement.

From My House to Yours is located at 122 W. Main. As a recycle-repurpose-reuse shop, they carry home and garden decor, candles, jewelry, a little bit of everything. Their latest addition includes a coffee bar complete with WiFi. Open Tuesday thru Saturday, 217-999-8332.

To find out if your project qualifies for the program, please contact MEDP. MEDP will determine if projects meet the program requirements. Application and extended guidelines can be found at www.macoupinpartners.com/html/grant_funding.html.

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Caption:

Shari Albrecht, Executive Director of MEDP, awards From My House to Yours Owner Mary Gajewski with a check from the Build Macoupin County Energy Efficiency Grant Program.