

# NEWS

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*John Hicks Maytag Home Appliance Center Owner, John Hicks, accepts a check for \$2,515.97 of Build Macoupin County Energy Funds from MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht. Alderman Gus Ottersburg (right) represents the City of Gillespie, a MEDP member community, during the presentation.*

## Hicks Maytag Named BMC Grant Recipient

John Hicks, owner of John Hicks Maytag Home Appliance Center in Gillespie, was approved and awarded 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 new lights have made a big difference,” said Hicks. “I can’t believe how much brighter it is.”

Hicks was able to use the \$2,515.97 he received to upgrade lighting in both his showroom and warehouse. Other qualifying projects include HVAC, 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 Gillespie is a MEDP member, making any business within their city limits eligible for reimbursement.

John Hicks Maytag Home Appliance Center has been providing home appliances in the Gillespie area since 1952. They offer everything from a complete kitchen to a replacement stove. Products include those from Maytag, Whirlpool, Jenn-Air and Amana. Visit them at 118 S. Macoupin, Gillespie or online at [www.hicksmaytag.com](http://www.hicksmaytag.com).

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](http://www.macoupinpartners.com/html/grant_funding.html).

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