

Newton business receives grant for 'green' technology

RALEIGH (AP) — Gov. Bev Perdue says 18 small North Carolina companies will receive federal stimulus grants to spur development in green technology.

SunQest Inc., of Newton, was one of the businesses, and it received \$50,718. SunQest is a solar thermal enhancement and in-state manufacturing company commercializing a solar thermal system to heat residential, building, pool and other medium-temperature applications.

Perdue announced

Wednesday that each company will receive grants up to \$100,000 to develop and market green and alternative energy technologies.

The Office of the Governor estimates that more than 200 jobs will be created by the grants, covering 18 counties.

Half of the grant projects focused on environmentally conscious technology and renewable energy. The other half targeted green building and biofuels development.