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\$500,000 for Isles' project

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HAMILTON -- Nonprofit organization Isles Inc.'s ambitious green redevelopment of a defunct industrial building off Nottingham Way is now slated for \$500,000 in federal funding, U.S. Rep. Chris Smith's office said.

The Mill One project is expected to transform a former textile mill into 240,000 square feet of residential lofts, commercial and classroom space, and a new headquarters for Isles, the Trenton nonprofit community-development and environmental-protection organization. The project also includes plans for 8,000 roof-mounted solar panels and a litany of other energy-efficient design features.

Smith said the federal Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for the fiscal year that begins July 1 now includes \$500,000 for Mill One, which has been targeted because of its "environmentally friendly" design.

"Mill One's renewable-energy plan tapping solar power is a good example of the environmentally friendly building practices we need to see more of in new construction," Smith said in a statement. "This federal funding helps advance those conservation principles. We need more projects like Mill One in the world."

Congress' Energy and Water Development bill for the current fiscal year included \$238,000 for Mill One, according to Smith's office.

"These federal funds will enable Isles to maximize cutting-edge technologies to make our 'Mill One' conversion a model nationwide for green, adaptive re-use," said Linda Revelle, board chair of Isles. "The federal support, which we thank our elected representatives for helping to secure, is a great testament to the growing national commitment to the sustainable redevelopment of historic buildings."

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