

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for the Amherst Cinema Arts Center.

Olver secured the funding in the FY07 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development (Housing and Urban Development) appropriations bill.

Olver is the Ranking Member (most senior Democrat) of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, Education and the Environment.

The Senate must still approve its appropriations bill and then both chambers will have to approve a reconciliation bill.

"The Amherst Cinema Arts Center will give the town and region an economic boost by making Amherst a more vibrant cultural center," Olver said.

"We are very grateful to Congressman Olver for his efforts on behalf of the Amherst Cinema Arts Center," said Marta Ostapiuk, Executive Director of Amherst Cinema Arts Center, Inc.

The Amherst Cinema Arts Center is an addition to the historic Amherst Cinema Building, which is being renovated and expanded.

The addition will enlarge the lofty brick cinema structure that has stood on Amity Street since 1879. The new addition will include one 190-seat theater and two 49-seat theaters and a lighted covered pedestrian walkway.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Amherst Cinema Arts Center was held on May 6 kicking off construction of the new addition.

The project will include one 190-seat theater and two 49-seat theaters and a lighted covered pedestrian walkway.

Amherst Cinema Arts Center, Inc. will present a full schedule of mainstream and independent films by the end of the year.

For additional information about this project, contact Marta Ostapiuk, Executive Director, Amherst Cinema Arts Center, Inc. at 413-253-1111.

For general information about the Amherst Cinema Arts Center, please visit www.AmherstCinema.org