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TAM Ceramics will expand operations



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TAM Ceramics LLC is planning on spending more than \$3 million to upgrade its manufacturing facility.

The Niagara Falls company is being aided by \$250,000 in state-backed regional development council funding.

TAM President and managing partner George Bilkey said that the criteria to obtain the funding has not been shared with him yet.

“Typically, it’s jobs-based, so we wouldn’t be surprised if we had to hire 10 before we were to get it,” he said.

The funding is part of \$60.8 million allocated to Western New York as part of \$715.9 million allocated for projects statewide. All total, the Western New York Regional Development Council’s \$60.8 million will support TAM, plus 15 other projects. TAM, which employs around 60, manufactures Zircon, Zirconia and Titanate powders. The multi-million dollar project, he said, would take around three years to complete and includes refurbishing existing equipment and upgrading of a chemical facility.