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## Marion water bottling plant to add 138 jobs

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A local water bottling company will expand its production plant in McDowell County, adding 138 jobs, Gov. Bev Perdue's office announced today.

North Cove Springs is putting \$6.3 million into its Marion facility to add another bottling line.

Perdue's office said the expansion is coming in part because of a \$310,000 state incentives grant.

Marion-based North Cove Springs says it taps water from natural springs, then bottles, markets and distributes water and flavored water to retailers.

The new jobs will pay an average of \$28,141 a year, not including benefits, which Perdue's office said is higher than the McDowell County annual average wage of \$27,976.

The One North Carolina Fund grant requires businesses to meet job creation and investment promises and get local matches before qualifying for grant funds.