

# Congressman Tierney Fighting For Beverly

Congressman John Tierney believes that investing in our communities is critical to our economic growth. Throughout his time in office, John has worked diligently to support funding for programs that strengthen our transportation infrastructure and expand services for our local schools and hospitals.

When accounting for yearly spending bills (often known as appropriations) as well as the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, John has helped bring more than **\$14 million** to Beverly.

## **Appropriations:**

John has helped secure **\$5,263,625** for the city of Beverly through the appropriations process. Projects that have been funded through appropriations include:

- **\$4.86 million** between Fiscal Year 2001 and Fiscal Year 2010 for the intermodal transportation station;
- **\$300,000** for Endicott College to construct a research facility for a single parent program; and
- **\$100,000** for the Landmark School in Beverly for a collaborative dyslexia program.

## **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:**

Whenever opportunities occur for Members of Congress to bring federal dollars to their communities, John fights to ensure that the city of Beverly receives appropriate funding. In fact, the city of Beverly received **\$9,128,566** as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

John led the effort to make sure ARRA included assistance to local school districts to prevent staff and program cuts and to maintain the resources our children need to obtain a quality education. John believes that putting people to work to renovate, repair, and modernize our schools and colleges will not only boost our local economy, but will also provide students with state-of-the art classrooms in which they can learn the skills necessary to succeed.

Here is a partial list of key projects in Beverly that have been funded through ARRA:

- **\$4.7 million** to turn the former Mayflower Hotel into new housing units to benefit low-income individuals;
- **\$1.9 million** for Title I and IDEA funding for the Beverly Public Schools (Title I is the main source of federal funding for education and IDEA is funding that provides early intervention and special education services to children with disabilities);
- **\$796,049** to repave the taxiways at Beverly Airport;
- **\$643,500** to create additional affordable housing units at Holcroft Park House;
- **\$356,465** for Beverly Port Security improvements and the construction of a new vessel;
- **\$275,479** to maintain, repair, and upgrade affordable housing throughout the city;
- **\$169,900** to complete an energy retrofit at Beverly High School; and
- **\$129,509** for staffing at the Beverly Fire Department;
- **\$55,794** for the Beverly Safer Streets crime prevention program.

### **Grant Funding:**

John strongly believes cities and towns should have the resources necessary to serve local residents. In certain cases, such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Title I grants to local education agencies, highway and transit programs, public safety and urban area homeland security programs, among others, federal assistance is distributed by formula. John has worked to make sure the programs that are distributed to states and localities by formula receive the necessary funding.

He is also committed to working with local lawmakers and organizations in the Sixth District to help support applications for competitive federal grants. Some of the grants that have recently been awarded in Beverly include:

- **\$826,240** in federal grant funding to add 29 affordable family units in Beverly's Holcroft Park Homes Development;
- **\$274,796** in federal grant funding for the Veterans Housing Project to create 33 apartments for homeless veterans;

- **\$211,500** in federal funding for BioTech Small Business Incubators to help start an entrepreneur mentoring program as well as to aid in operation costs of the incubators;
- **\$75,000** in federal grant funding to create an arts and cultural district in downtown Beverly; and
- **\$49,588** in federal grant funding for the Beverly Fire Department to purchase radio equipment upgrades.

Currently serving in his eighth term representing Massachusetts's Sixth District, U.S. Representative John F. Tierney has developed a national reputation as an effective legislator fighting for families, seniors, and small businesses. The Congressman continues to be the only member from Massachusetts to serve on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and is a senior member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

### **What others are saying about John:**

“Without the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, many fire departments would not be able to make important upgrades or acquisitions that will keep firefighters safe,” said Chief Paul Cotter, “we are extremely pleased to be able to make the changes without cutting valuable services.”

“Montserrat was founded as an incubator to develop the next generation of creative thinkers and contributors to the creative economy. We relish the opportunity this \$75,000 grant offers to continue our work with Beverly Main Streets, city leaders, and Congressman Tierney to conceive, implement and foster an arts and cultural district in downtown Beverly that will have a lasting impact on future generations who will live, study, work and visit our community,” Montserrat College of Art President Stephen D. Immerman said.