

## Congressman Tierney Fighting For Gloucester and the Cape Ann Region

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 **\$37.8 million** to Gloucester and the Cape Ann Region, which also includes Essex, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Rockport.

### **Appropriations:**

John has helped secure **\$9,668,449** for Gloucester and the Cape Ann Region through the appropriations process. Projects that have been funded through appropriations include:

- **\$3 million** between Fiscal Year 1999 and Fiscal Year 2000 for the Gloucester intermodal transportation center;
- **\$3 million** for roadway, pedestrian, and access improvements along the Washington Street Corridor in Gloucester;
- **\$2.29 million** for improvements to the Rockport Commuter Rail Station (SAFETEA-LU);
- **\$500,000** for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades at Gloucester's Essex Avenue Wastewater Facility;
- **\$500,000** for Cape Ann Transportation Authority buses and fare boxes;
- **\$294,449** between Fiscal Year 2005 and Fiscal year 2008 for the North Shore AIDS Project in Gloucester for the expansion of their Hepatitis C program; and
- **\$75,000** for the Manchester Council on Aging for shuttle busses.

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

Whenever opportunities occur for Members of Congress to bring federal dollars to their communities, John fights to ensure that Gloucester and the Cape Ann Region receive appropriate funding. In fact, Gloucester and the Cape Ann Region received **\$28,223,597** 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 Gloucester and the Cape Ann Region that have been funded through ARRA:

- **\$6.4 million** for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- **\$4 million** to build 48 new affordable housing units at Pond View Village;
- **\$3.5 million** for sewer rehabilitation in the Washington Street area;
- **\$2.2 million** for Title I and IDEA funding for the Gloucester and Cape Ann Region 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);
- **\$1.3 million** for the North Shore Gloucester Health Center to expand dental services;
- **\$750,000** for a clean water improvement project in the town of Manchester;
- **\$676,150** to purchase 2 new vehicles for the Cape Ann Transportation Authority;
- **\$338,125** for staffing at the Gloucester Fire Department;
- **\$212,436** for road improvements in low and moderate income neighborhoods;
- **\$158,087** to maintain, repair, and upgrade affordable housing throughout the city; and
- **\$21,459** for staffing at the Gloucester Police Department.

## **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 Gloucester and the Cape Ann Region include:

- **\$2.2 million** in federal grant funding to run North Shore Head Start programs, which deliver high quality programs to students and their families;
- **\$400,000** in federal grant funding for a city assessment of abandoned or contaminated properties, deemed “Brownfield” sites in Gloucester;
- **\$320,530** in federal grant funding for the Manchester Fire Department to acquire a new fire truck;
- **\$200,000** in federal grant funding to allow for clean-up of contamination from various metals and solvents, and for community outreach activities on abandoned or contaminated properties in Gloucester;
- **\$125,000** in federal grant funding for the construction of a sustainable, fuel efficient, “green” vessel through the Bolger Boat Project;
- **\$125,000** in federal grant funding for the Gloucester Healthy Collaborative Drug Free Community Support Program to strengthen the organization’s efforts to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse;

- **\$66,486** in federal grant funding for a 3-year science education project for students K-12 through the Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) program;
- **\$15,000** in federal grant funding for Rockport Music, Inc. to support “Strings” programs toward chamber ensemble concerts and workshops for young string musicians;
- **\$14,864** in federal grant funding for the Ocean Explorers Project to provide hands-on marine and physical science educational activities to more than 600 Gloucester elementary school students; and
- **\$10,000** in federal grant funding to support a series of “Youth Acting Workshops” through the Gloucester Stage Company to facilitate lower tuition and longer classes.

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:**

"We believe leveraging the strengths of young people and the strengths of the community is the best strategy for promoting healthy youth development. We believe solutions lie within a community with "hand-in-hand" collaboration. We are inspired by the "Pathways to Prosperity" report that highlights the power of public and private partnerships and innovative pathways that give youth hope of a future that values their particular strengths," said Joan Whitney, Program Director of Substance Abuse Prevention in Gloucester

"EPA Brownfields funding helps strengthen the economic foundation and is a catalyst for further growth in our communities," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA New England's office. "Cleaning and revitalizing contaminated sites helps create jobs, and can help a community to create new businesses and neighborhood centers, while making our environment cleaner and the community healthier."

Sue Todd, Pathway for Children's CEO called Head Start early education services "an ideal fit. We very much look forward to this opportunity to serve children and families throughout the North Shore."

"This funding is an important step in combating the spread of Hepatitis C throughout the North Shore, and will ensure that hundreds of infected individuals and others at risk of infection receive the information and support they need to make wise health care decisions. We are extremely grateful to Congressman Tierney for his help and guidance in reaching this goal," said North Shore AIDS Health Project Executive Director Susan Oleksiw.