

Congressman Tierney Fighting For Amesbury

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 **\$34 million** to Amesbury.

Appropriations:

John has helped secure **\$6,025,500** for the city of Amesbury through the appropriations process. Projects that have been funded through appropriations include:

- **\$5.2 million** between Fiscal Year 2000 and Fiscal Year 2008 for construction of the Amesbury bus facility, which opened June 22, 2012; and
- **\$759,000** to repair the Chain Bridge over the Merrimack River.

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 Amesbury receives appropriate funding. In fact, the city of Amesbury received **\$28,194,523** 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 Amesbury that have been funded through ARRA:

- **\$18 million** for the Water Treatment Plant upgrade;
- **\$6.2 million** for upgrades to water mains, pump, and water tanks;
- **\$2 million** for the construction of a bus terminal transit center in Amesbury;

- **\$815,403** for Title I and IDEA funding for the Amesbury 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);
- **\$384,084** for the reconstruction and repair of roadways and sidewalks in the Aubin-Nason neighborhood; and
- **\$150,000** to purchase and install a 20 kilowatt solar panel system at Amesbury High School.

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 Amesbury include:

- **\$230,465** in federal grant funding, through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, for the Amesbury Fire Department;
- **\$56,259** in federal funding for the Amesbury Fire Department to purchase special equipment and protective gear; and
- **\$27,313** in federal grant funding for an exhaust removal system for fire trucks stationed inside the Elm Street Station to enable the station to reopen after being closed for 20 years.

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:

"From myself as chief and on behalf of the mayor we appreciate the support the Congressman gave to help us getting the grant. We have always had good luck with getting grants, and ask that DHS and the president keep up with programs like this," said Amesbury Fire Chief Jonathan Brickett.

"One of our biggest priorities is protecting lives and property and we appreciate the Congressmen's support with getting us back to a fully staffed public safety department," said Amesbury Mayor Thatcher Kezer.