

Congressman Tierney Fighting For Lynn

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 Lynn.

Appropriations

John has helped secure **\$8,973,896** for Lynn through the appropriations process. Projects that have been funded through appropriations include:

- **\$7.21 million** between Fiscal Year 1999 and Fiscal Year 2008 for the Massachusetts North Shore corridor project, Blue Line Extension to connect many North Shore communities directly to the city of Boston's existing mass transit network;
- **\$140,000** for senior services vans for the Lynn Council on Aging to help provide accessible transportation to seniors;
- **\$500,000** for Lynn Community Health Center facility upgrades and renovations so that the Center can better serve the North Shore;
- **\$200,000** for the North Shore Community College Gang Prevention Initiative;
- **\$200,000** for the rehabilitation of Lynn City Hall and Auditorium;
- **\$437,000** for the Girls, Inc. of Lynn for facility renovations to help resolve overcrowding at the organization in an effort to better serve more at-risk girls in the Lynn community; and
- **\$286,896** to support the E-TEAM Machinist Job Training Program, a workforce-training program headquartered in Lynn, which produces highly-skilled workers for local manufacturers.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

Whenever opportunities occur for Members of Congress to bring federal dollars to their communities, John fights to ensure that Lynn receives appropriate funding. In fact, Lynn received **\$26,263,198** 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 Lynn that have been funded through ARRA:

- **\$10.2 million** for Title I and IDEA funding for the Lynn Public Schools (Title I is the main source of federal funding for education and IDEA is funding that provides early interventions and special education services to children with disabilities);
- **\$7.7 million** to maintain, repair, and upgrade affordable housing throughout the city;
- **\$1.95 million** to retain 9 city police officers who had been scheduled for layoff;
- **\$1.7 million** to expand the Lynn Economic Opportunity (LEO) Early Head Start Program and renovate a new facility;
- **\$1.3 million** for the Lynn Community Health Center expansion;
- **\$788,100** to convert energy systems in 7 public schools;
- **\$778,305** for Lynn Fire Department staffing;
- **\$510,555** in community policing and technical assistance funding for the city of Lynn;
- **\$310,000** for Lynn's Infrastructure Development Program to make infrastructure improvements in downtown Lynn;
- **\$265,937** for park renovations at Keaney Park;
- **\$145,747** for Lynn Police Department staffing;
- **\$50,000** to make energy efficiency improvements and renovations at Girls, Inc.;
- **\$35,000** for park renovations at Goldfish Pond;
- **\$10,000** for park renovations at Clark Street Playground;
- **\$10,000** for park renovations at Henry Avenue Playground; and
- **\$3,500** for traffic island improvements at Breed Square/Veteran's Village.

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 Lynn include:

- **\$6.9 million** in federal grant funding, awarded through the Affordable Care Act, for the Lynn Community Health Center to allow for build-out of a second floor, and the servicing of 5,500 new patients;
- **\$1.7 million** in federal grant funding, for Bridgewell for a residence for developmentally disabled individuals;
- **\$499,866** in federal grant funding, awarded through the Affordable Care Act, to help renovate the Lynn Community Health Center school health centers, including installing an HVAC system, painting walls, and repairing the ceiling;
- **\$407,699** in federal grant funding, for a Health Center Cluster grant for the Lynn Community Health Center;
- **\$334,307** in federal grant funding for the Lynn Housing Authority, to provide rental assistance for people with disabilities;
- **\$125,000** in federal grant funding for Girls, Inc. of Lynn under the Drug-Free Communities Support Program for the renovation and remodeling of their new building; and
- **\$45,000** in federal grant funding for the Real to Reel film school at RAW Artworks.

What others are saying about John:

"The LCHC is always looking to provide more primary care services to people in the community and these funds bring us a step closer to making that dream a reality," said Lori Berry of the Lynn Community Health Center.

"I want to thank Congressman Tierney for his support in securing these federal funds," said Charles Gaeta, executive director of Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development. "It is imperative that cities like Lynn are able to continue to serve those vulnerable residents that need affordable housing."

"We would like to thank Congressman Tierney, the congressional delegation and local legislators for their assistance and support in securing the funding for a project that addresses a critical need. The funding is particularly helpful in this time of limited resources," Bridgewell's Chief Executive Officer, Robert S. Stearns said.

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 as a senior member on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and is a senior member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.