

Congressman Tierney Fighting For Peabody

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 **\$8.2 million** to Peabody.

Appropriations:

John has helped secure **\$1,978,000** for the city of Peabody through the appropriations process. Projects that have been funded through appropriations include:

- **\$1 million** in federal grant funding, awarded through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, for the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian facility at the Riverwalk Historic Trail;
- **\$800,000** in federal grant funding, awarded through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), for roadway improvements to Route 128 and Route 114 in Peabody;
- **\$98,000** to for the feasibility phase of the North River Flood Reduction Project, which is designed to stop future flooding events in the City of Peabody; and
- **\$48,000** for the purchase of new 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 the city of Peabody receives appropriate funding. In fact, the city of Peabody received **\$6,295,737** 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 Peabody that have been funded through ARRA:

- **\$2.5 million** to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant;
- **\$2.4 million** for Title I and IDEA funding for the Peabody 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);
- **\$551,910** for the Peabody Family Health Center expansion;
- **\$494,200** to upgrade the HVAC system in the Peabody Institute Library and make it more energy efficient;
- **\$124,662** for the Peabody Housing Authority to hire 1 social services outreach worker to assist over 540 seniors;
- **\$76,405** to retain jobs at the Peabody Fire Department; and
- **\$76,181** for the Peabody Fire Department for fire suppression equipment.

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. One grant that has recently been awarded in Peabody is:

- **\$3 million** in federal funds through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant to construct two new storm water culverts in the Goldthwaite Brook tributary.

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:

“I am very thankful for the invitation by Congressman Tierney to today’s workshop. The AFG grant is very competitive and I feel the information and training I received today will give the Peabody Fire Department an advantage in the formatting and submission of a competitive grant application as well as a greater chance of success of being awarded a much needed grant in the category of ‘Operations and Safety’,” said Peabody Fire Chief Steven E. Pasdon, who attended a fire grant workshop hosted by Congressman Tierney in 2012.