

Congressman Tierney Fighting For Salem

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 **\$32 million** to Salem.

Appropriations:

John has helped secure **\$21,563,813** for Salem through the appropriations process. Projects that have been funded through appropriations include:

- **\$7.7 million** between Fiscal Year 1999 and Fiscal Year 2006 for Essex National Heritage Area;
- **\$5.5 million** between Fiscal Year 1999 and Fiscal Year 2009 for Salem State University to make technology upgrades, strengthen the nursing initiative, help construct an arts center and theater and make other renovations;
- **\$4.8 million** for Salem State University to integrate computer technology into an institutional facility to create a “smart building;”
- **\$4.77 million** between Fiscal Year 2001 and Fiscal Year 2010 to support the City’s efforts to expand the parking garage at the Salem Commuter Station;
- **\$1.7 million** between Fiscal Year 2000 and Fiscal Year 2001 for Salem Maritime National Historic Site;
- **\$750,000** to the Peabody-Essex Museum;
- **\$500,000** to expand the Peabody-Essex Museum Action Corps;
- **\$238,755** for Children’s Friend and Family Services for renovation and expansion of their facility;
- **\$238,000** for North Shore Workforce Investment Board’s Nursing and Allied Health Education and Training Program. Through John’s involvement and leadership, the North Shore Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has become one of the best WIBs in the entire country for its efforts to help residents obtain the skills, education and training they need and to support local businesses;

- **\$250,000** for facility upgrades for City of Salem Police Department;
- **\$142,500** for rehabilitation and renovation of Barracks Building;
- **\$100,000** for Essex National Heritage Commission for Community Resource, Visitor Services and Archives Center; and
- **\$70,933** for senior services vans for the city Council on Aging to help provide accessible transportation to seniors.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

Whenever opportunities occur for Members of Congress to bring federal dollars to their communities, John fights to ensure that Salem receives appropriate funding. In fact, the city of Salem received **\$11,257,055** 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 Salem that have been funded through ARRA:

- **\$7.23 million** for reconstruction of Route 1A;
- **\$2.2 million** for Title I and IDEA funding for the Salem 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);
- **\$550,726** to maintain, repair, and upgrade affordable housing throughout the city;
- **\$196,615** for the North Shore Health Clinic; and
- **\$50,000** to assist Salem with the development of a city-wide energy efficiency strategy.

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 Salem include:

- **More than \$600,000** in federal grant funding, between 2010 and 2012, for Salem State University. These funds were awarded to help strengthen the Upward Bound Program for first-generation college students;
- **\$498,500** in federal grant funding for the North Shore Community Health Center for relocation of its dental clinic;
- **\$450,518** in federal grant funding for Salem State University to strengthen its Student Support Services Program, which provides academic support programs for students of low-income backgrounds, those whose parents did not graduate from a four-year college and those with a learning/physical disability;
- **\$220,000** in federal grant funding for the Essex National Heritage Commission to install informational signs along Essex Coastal Scenic Byway; and
- **\$214,596** in federal funds for the Salem Fire Department to purchase a new radio and communication system.

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:

"Communications are paramount in keeping our firefighters safe. The radios purchased with these grant funds will put state of the art technology in the hands of Salem firefighters. Along with the portable radios the infrastructure that connects the entire system is also being updated. Congressman Tierney's continued support for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program will enhance the safety of the department for years to come," said Salem Fire Chief Dave Cody.

"Providing a new, state-of-the-art radio and communication system to our Fire Department is critical in maintaining the best possible fire prevention and safety services to our residents. Thank you to Congressman John Tierney and Salem's other elected leaders at the federal level for their strong support and advocacy in securing this grant funding. Without federal monies this important upgrade would not have been possible," said Mayor Kimberley Driscoll

"We are thrilled with the support from Congressman Tierney and Senator Tarr, and the rest of our delegation, in our efforts to promote the Essex Coastal Scenic Byway," said Annie C. Harris, Executive Director of the Essex National Heritage Commission. "The overall goal of the byway is to improve the region's economy through coordinated marketing, heritage resources preservation, and infrastructure enhancements. With the ongoing support of our delegation, our sites, our Chambers of Commerce and local businesses the byway will continue to grow as a heritage resource with significant regional impact."

Salem State College President Pat Meservey said, "Congressman John Tierney, during his long and distinguished career in the United States Congress, has consistently championed higher education as an inalienable right of all Americans, and remains one of its most steadfast supporters. Because of his work, our region, our state and indeed the nation can look forward to quality higher education that is increasingly more affordable and accessible."