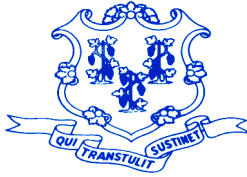


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NORTH HAVEN TO RECEIVE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D), State Senator Len Fasano (R), State Representative Steve Fontana (D-North Haven) and First Selectman Janet McCarty (D) announced that the town of North Haven has been awarded \$21,288 in federal stimulus funds for use in law enforcement and other community-based crime-enforcement programs.

"There can be no debate that the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect and serve all of us deserve every tool they can get to do their jobs effectively," said Senator Fasano. "This stimulus money will provide North Haven's law enforcement with a much-needed financial boost during these difficult economic times and I am hopeful that this funding will be distributed quickly."

The money granted to North Haven is from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants administered by the U.S. Department of Justice. Grants have also been awarded to 63 other towns in Connecticut.

"As a town, North Haven is proud of our police officers and the superior law-enforcement services that they provide. These federal funds will help our Police Department to maintain these services and make valuable improvements," said Representative Fontana. "I appreciate Governor Rell's support for President Obama's fiscal stimulus package, and look forward to North Haven receiving additional resources for other projects in the near future."

Improved technology, training, or community-based programs are some of the ways towns may use these funds. North Haven Police Chief James X DiCarlo is looking into using the grant money for equipment.

"We are very pleased to accept these funds," said First Selectman McCarty. "I am sure that the Chief will use the money wisely in protecting and serving our people."

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 makes more than \$225 million available nationally in competitive grants for law enforcement activities. There are also billions of dollars more in competitive grants available to Connecticut towns as part of the federal stimulus act.

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