

WASHINGTON, DC –“ Congressman Joe Courtney announced today that Norwich Harbor and East Haddam have secured \$231,825 and \$540,126, respectively, in federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security to strengthen preparedness for acts of terrorism, major disasters and other emergencies.

“From devastating storms and oil spills to threats of terrorism, we’re reminded frequently that our cities, towns and first responders are always on call,” Courtney said. “With these grants, eastern Connecticut has more of the tools it needs to protect its shores and citizens from all threats, and better respond to disasters.”

The grant for Norwich Harbor is part of the Port Security Grant Program, which is designed to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism; enhance maritime domain awareness; conduct training and exercises; and support implementation of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). The funding comes on top of \$438 million in port security grants that were distributed as part of the Recovery Act.

The grant for East Haddam supports the construction or renovation of Emergency Operations Centers to improve state, local or tribal emergency management and preparedness capabilities. It is meant to ensure continuity of operations during disasters.