

WASHINGTON, DC –“ Congressman Joe Courtney today announced that Juniper Hill Village in Storrs has secured \$1.7 million as part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Green Retrofit Program. The program is designed to retrofit multi-family assisted housing to reduce energy costs, reduce water use and improve energy efficiency. Juniper Hill was one of 66 recipients from a nationwide pool of 770 applicants.

“This critical funding will help Juniper Hill ensure that its residents are safe and secure in all seasons, and will keep operating costs down going forward” said Congressman Courtney. “This kind of targeted investment in local needs not only helps relieve some of the pressure that towns like Storrs are feeling today, but it also ensures that our seniors have the support and resources they deserve.”

Juniper Hill Village is a 100-unit facility for low-income seniors that was opened in 1981. The HUD grant will be used to replace refrigerators and water heaters, exterior doors and windows to reduce energy costs; and to install a photovoltaic array on the roof of the main building to provide solar power to reduce utility costs.

Marlene Walsh, Juniper Hill Village administrator, says that the general contract has been awarded to Martindale & Salisbury Construction, Inc. of Vernon, Ct., and the photovoltaic array installation has been awarded to Sunlight Solar Energy, Inc. of Milford, CT. The retrofitting work will begin shortly.

Congressman Courtney visited Juniper Hill Village on July 12 to meet with seniors and tour the facility in advance of the proposed improvements.