

WASHINGTON, D.C. “Congressman Joe Courtney today announced that eastern Connecticut has secured funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to house homeless veterans. State public housing authorities will receive \$150,534 in Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program funding (HUD-VASH) for distribution to veterans in the New London area. The funding will pay for 12-month permanent housing vouchers and case management for 15 homeless veterans.

“These vouchers make a tremendous difference for the men and women who served our country bravely,” **said Congressman Courtney**. “Ensuring that the veterans who protected us are able to live an honorable, dignified life after their service is a promise we must keep as a nation. I am proud to represent a Congressional District that is home to more veterans than any other district in Connecticut, and I know that this assistance will not only help veterans find suitable housing, but help them pay the rent, as well.”

The vouchers announced today are part of a set-aside of project-based vouchers HUD announced last September that would be competitively awarded to housing authorities that received HUD-VASH vouchers in 2008, 2009 or 2010. Under HUD’s project-based voucher program, housing authorities can assign voucher assistance to specific housing units. These vouchers will enable homeless veterans to access affordable housing with an array of supportive services.

Congressman Courtney has made homelessness prevention “particularly veterans’ homelessness” a priority. He is the sole member of the Connecticut Congressional Delegation to sit on the House Armed Services Committee.