

April 15, 2009 - Murtha: City of Johnstown Receives \$421,437 in Stimulus Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha (PA-12) announced today that the City of Johnstown has received \$421,437 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which Congress passed in February of this year.

The funding, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, enables local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments and foster economic opportunities.

The City will use \$350,000 to address much-needed street paving issues, and will use the remaining \$71,000 to continue demolition and removal of blighted/abandoned properties. With the addition of these stimulus funds, the City of Johnstown will receive a total of \$1.9 million in HUD grants in 2009, up from \$1.5 million in 2008.

"The economic stimulus package was designed to put Americans back to work, to offer immediate tax relief, and to make critical investments in our nation's infrastructure and federal programs," commented Murtha. "These funds are already hitting our streets, and allowing cities like Johnstown to make much-needed investments in public infrastructure and economic development."

"Paving and demolition are two issues that have been a constant message from our citizens and we appreciate any additional funds to help the City meet its citizen's needs," said City

Manager Curt Davis.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1) passed the U.S. House of Representatives, with Murtha's support, by a vote of 246-183. It was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009.

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