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EAST HAVEN TO RECEIVE STIMULUS FUNDS FOR CRIME PREVENTION

State Representative Mike Lawlor (D-East Haven) and **Mayor April Capone Almon** announced that the Town of East Haven has been awarded \$34,549 in federal stimulus money to be used for law enforcement and other community-based safety and intervention programs.

The money comes in the form of grants under the U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants. The town is allowed to use the funding for a broad range of programs to prevent and control crime.

Mayor April Capone Almon applied for the grant hoping that the East Haven Police Department would be able to use the funding to replace old, outdated radio transmitters with new ones that use the latest technology.

“Our current radios are outdated, some even over 13 years old,” Capone Almon said. “The town and the police department were looking to replace the radios at an extremely aggressive rate. This funding will allow the town to accomplish this task at no expense to the taxpayers.”

“Not only is this grant going to be put to a good use, but this is the exact type of thing that helps keep our local property taxes down,” Lawlor said. “I want to thank Mayor Capone Almon, Governor Rell, Congresswoman DeLauro and President Obama for their leadership in advocating for this stimulus funding that will benefit our community.”

In addition to these funds, the state is also receiving approximately \$12 million in stimulus money that will go towards state-administered community safety, crime prevention and intervention projects and services.

Additional money from the federal stimulus package that will be awarded to the State of Connecticut and its municipalities is currently being deliberated.