

Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) today announced \$288,052 for the City of Auburn, \$320,314 for the City of Rome and \$779,615 for the City of Utica in federal funding through the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Economic Stimulus Bill). In addition, New York State will receive \$12,878,999 to provide grants to small cities (non-entitlement communities) across the state.

“This is a prime example of federal economic stimulus funds being used immediately to invest in our cities and communities,” **Arcuri said**. “By investing in community re-growth and revitalization we can rebuild our downtowns and create jobs and economic opportunity. I am glad to see funding from the stimulus package coming directly to local cities in such a targeted and timely fashion.”

The Economic Stimulus Bill included additional funding for U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement communities and for states to offer grants to non-entitlement communities, allocated according to HUD’s funding formula. New York’s 24th Congressional District includes three CDBG entitlement communities (Utica, Rome and Auburn) that receive annual grants for the purpose of advancing economic, housing and community development projects. Since taking office, Arcuri has voted repeatedly to fully fund the CDBG program.

In addition to CDBG funding for local cities, the Economic Stimulus Bill includes funding for infrastructure improvements, aid to states and localities, tax cuts for the middle class and investments in education. To further help counties in the 24th Congressional District faced with severe budget shortfalls, the Economic Stimulus Bill includes direct assistance to individual counties through relief from Medicaid costs and to individual school districts to address unfunded mandates and begin stalled construction projects. Medicaid relief and education funding for the counties will alleviate budget pressures, freeing up resources at the county level for critical needs like water and sewer and local transportation projects.

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