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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that the City of Auburn will receive \$1,198,000 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for economic and community development for low- and middle-income residents.

"This CDBG funding represents a great opportunity for Rome to continue developing good, safe housing for all residents across the city and economic programs to help those in need," **Arcuri said**, "I want to offer my full support for these initiatives and look forward to working with the residents of Rome on these important projects."

Since 1974, HUD's *CDBG* Program has awarded approximately \$120 billion to state and local governments to target their own community development priorities. The rehabilitation of affordable housing and construction of public facilities and improvements have traditionally been the largest uses of the grants, although CDBG is also an important catalyst for job growth and business opportunities.

CDBG funds are distributed by formula around the country based on a community's population, poverty, the age of its housing stock, and extent of overcrowded housing. Many of Upstate New York's localities fit the qualifications for CDBG funding and have utilized the program with great success.

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