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Newark/Jersey City area to receive over $35 million in DHS grant funding

Washington, D.C. – Today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced final allocations for FY 2009 grant programs, including the Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program – Tribal, Nonprofit Security Grant Program, and Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. Through the Urban Area Security Initiative, the Newark/Jersey City area will receive $35,298,150 in grant monies. This funding will be awarded to the New Jersey Department of Homeland Security's State Administrative Agent and is required to be spent in the Newark/Jersey City area.

"I am pleased that the Department of Homeland Security understands the needs we have in Northern New Jersey and how important these grants are to ensure the safety of my constituents," said Congressman Sires.