

WASHINGTON – This afternoon **U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal, Joe Lieberman and Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** announced the Hartford Housing Authority will receive a \$397,939 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit homeless veterans throughout the greater-Hartford area.

“Far too many veterans in Connecticut and throughout the country are struggling to secure affordable housing and access critical services,” Senator Lieberman said. “These substantial awards will allow Connecticut housing agencies to provide more Connecticut veterans, who have sacrificed so much for us, with the help they need to get back on their feet.”

“Ensuring access to affordable housing is critical to honoring and keeping faith with our veterans once they return home,” Senator Blumenthal said. “These funds are effective in combating veterans’ homelessness and enabling Connecticut’s veterans to live with the safety and dignity they deserve.”

“For too many American service members, adjusting to life back home after serving in a warzone is extremely difficult and unfortunately many men and women end up homeless,” Congressman Larson said. “I want to commend the Obama Administration, especially **Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki**, for their commitment to eliminating homelessness among our veterans. This funding will go a long way to helping the Hartford Housing Authority carry out this critical task.”

The grant, awarded under HUD’s Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program, was one of five overall awarded to the state. Other cities receiving grants included New Haven, Waterbury and West Haven as well as the state Department of Social Services.

Last April Congressman Larson and local officials hosted **Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Tammy Duckworth** in the district for a public forum on eliminating homelessness among veterans.

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