

Hartford, CT – Senators Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), and Representative John Larson

(D-CT) today announced that the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department has been approved for a USDA Community Facilities Loan and Grant.

The USDA Rural Development grant of \$50,000 and loan of \$75,000 will allow the Fire Department to purchase a new mini-pumper truck. The truck will help to provide firefighting service to rural areas that do not have access to existing public water infrastructure. This new vehicle will help to protect nearly 11,000 people in the surrounding rural area.

“Everyone deserves the basic protection that our brave first responders provide, regardless of location,” Lieberman said. “These firefighters put their life on the line and it is duty to make sure they have the best equipment available grants such as these ensure they have the necessary tools to protect our communities.”

“I am pleased that the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department received this loan and grant to improve their ability to assist thousands of residents in rural Connecticut. Access to emergency services is critical for the entire state, and our heroic firefighters deserve strong support as they protect us from harm,” said Senator Blumenthal.

“Firefighters are our first line of defense when disaster strikes and the brave men and women who volunteer in Winchester deserve the best equipment available to help in their efforts,” Congressman Larson said. “These federal funds will go a long way for the Winchester Volunteer fire Department in helping ensure that the more rural areas of the community are just as protected as those who are served by the current public water infrastructure.”

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