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HARTFORD- United States Senator Christopher J. Dodd and U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a \$142,569 grant to Federation Homes, Inc. of Bloomfield. Federation Homes is a group of housing units, which are home to more than 100 people, most of whom are elderly women living with chronic disabilities or illnesses that prevent them from being completely independent. The home's mission is to insure that every resident is able to live in a healthy, safe environment where their individual needs can be met.

The grant will be used to hire an onsite Resident Services Coordinator to assess tenant needs, to educate residents and their families about services and benefits that are available through community support programs, and to insure that each tenant is receiving the best care possible.

On March 22, Congressman Larson and Senator Dodd sent a letter in support of the grant application to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Andrew Cuomo, writing: "We urge you to give all due consideration to the Federation Homes application and we hope that HUD will act to support this important activity as quickly as possible."

"This assistance is the ultimate holiday gift," said Dodd. "It provides a critically important helping hand to those in need, ensuring a better life for our elderly citizens and more security for their loved ones."

Larson stated: "I am grateful that this grant has been awarded to Federation Homes, and I am confident that the Resident Services Coordinator will help to insure that every resident is receiving the best care possible and that they, and their families, are well-informed on the services and benefits available to them. This will help each resident to lead a secure and healthy life as independently as possible."

This grant was awarded under the Service Coordinator Program, which, according to HUD, employs a service coordinator for the initial period of three years to link elderly, and non-elderly people with disabilities who reside in eligible housing, to the community-based supportive services they need to continue living independently in their homes.

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