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Jersey City, NJ - As part of his continuing efforts to provide local police, firefighters, and other emergency personnel with critical federal dollars for homeland security, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today announced that Jersey City has been awarded a \$17.1 million grant. The funds, which come from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will relieve local property taxpayers from having to pay for the full amount of the city's terrorism preparedness initiatives.

"While it is more than two years since the September 11th terrorist attacks, it is vitally important that we continue to provide our major urban areas, such as Jersey City, with the federal resources they need for increased local homeland security costs," Rothman said. "Government's first responsibility is to protect the people, which is why I am so pleased to announce these federal funds to provide Jersey City's brave police, firefighters, and emergency personnel with the resources they need to keep residents and businesses safe. In addition to improving Jersey City's terrorism preparedness, this federal grant also means that Jersey City's property taxpayers will be spared \$17.1 million in homeland security expenses."

While Rothman has fought to bring back federal homeland security funds for municipalities throughout New Jersey, he has called for increased funding to high-threat, high-density areas such as Jersey City. In addition to Jersey City, Newark received a federal grant of more than \$15 million and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey received a \$1.25 million federal grant for their homeland security initiatives.

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