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RAHALL ANNOUNCES ALLOCATIONS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the state of West Virginia is eligible to receive over \$350,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to aid the homeless.

The funds will be made available under the Emergency Shelter Grants Program under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and West Virginia is eligible to receive \$369,000. Included in the amount are specific grants to the cities of Huntington and Charleston. Huntington may get as much as \$33,000 while Charleston stands to receive up to \$35,000.

Congressman Rahall, a long time advocate of aid to the homeless, praised the grant and urged that such funding continues.

"This is just a piece of the pie in helping our homeless citizens," Rahall said. "Homelessness is a problem in our country and it is just not in Washington, Los Angeles and New York. It occurs in Huntington, Charleston and Wheeling also."

Rahall has shown his support of the homeless in many ways including taking part in a sleep out on the lawn of the Cabell County Courthouse in April.