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RAHALL SAYS WEST VIRGINIA TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO COMBAT DRUGS

Washington - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) said today that the State of West Virginia has been awarded \$1,531,800 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to help state and local governments enforce anti-drug abuse statutes. The BJA is a U.S. Department of Justice agency within the Office of Justice Programs.

"These funds may be used in a variety of ways to attack the drug problem, from programs in schools, to apprehension and prosecution of abusers, to treatment programs for those needing such," Rahall said. "It is important that we strive to rid society of the poison that is eroding America's families and character."

West Virginia was previously awarded \$122,200 to design a strategy for implementing its drug law enforcement programs.