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Spratt Announces Federal Grants for Area

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) today announced federal grant awards in education, law enforcement, and conservation.

Rock Hill School District Three is receiving a three-year, \$455,100 grant for middle schools from the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program. The funds will be used to recruit, hire, and train full-time drug prevention counselors, train teachers and staff, and develop assessments of drug problems in the schools.

The Catawba Indian Nation has won a \$471,468 grant from the Education Department's Native American Vocational-Technical Education Program. The grant will allow the tribe to expand their educational program in health and human services, industrial and engineering technology, computer arts and sciences, and continuing education. Partners include York Technical College; county public school teachers, staff, and administrators; and area businesses. Approximately 75 American Indians will be served by the grant.

The City of Rock Hill has been awarded a three-year, \$326,301 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to hire three full-time police officers for area schools. The "COPS in Schools" grant draws on the talents of trained, sworn officers to teach crime prevention and substance abuse classes, counsel troubled students, build respect for law enforcement, and contribute to overall school security.

The City of Rock Hill has also won a \$220,000 grant from the National Park Service to develop soccer fields, playgrounds, roads, and support facilities at Manchester Meadows.

Spratt said competition for the federal grants is "rigorous and intense." He called the awards "a credit to the good work of Rock Hill School District Three, the Catawba Indian Nation, and the City of Rock Hill."

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