

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter today announced \$5.7 million in federal funding to build the Niagara Air Reserve Base a much needed firing range so that our men and women do not have to travel to Canada in order to fire certain firearms.

“The current range is outdoors, off-base and has too few firing line positions,” said Slaughter. “I’m so pleased that the Niagara Falls Air Base will have the firing range they need. Only a few years ago we were faced with the possibility that the Base would close. I will do everything I can to make sure the Base has what it needs and continues to expand so it remains in Niagara County long into the future.”

As the Niagara Falls Air Base has grown with the addition of the Regional Readiness Center, the volume of monthly training requirements has predictably increased requiring several new facilities. With the new firing range, military personnel will no longer have to travel to Canada when shooting the M-24B machine gun and M-249 rifle.

Funding came from the Consolidated Appropriations Act which was passed yesterday in the House of Representatives. Also receiving funding was Niagara County Community College which received \$100,000 for equipment for the anticipated Hospitality and Tourism Center in downtown Niagara Falls. This new Culinary Institute facility promises to bring new life to the Rainbow Centre Mall and further downtown’s economic revival.

Mount St. Mary’s Hospital in Lewiston also received federal money, specifically \$300,000 which will be used to establish a Breast Health Center bringing proper care with the use of digital mammography and Breast-Specific Gamma Imaging.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act builds on the promise to provide short-term help for the hardest hit Americans during this economic crisis and long-term solutions to grow our economy for years to come.

Now that the conference report has passed the House, it requires final Senate passage and a signature from the President which is expected next week.

Niagara Falls Area Funding

Project Name

Funding Awarded

Project Location

Description

Mount Saint Mary's Hospital

\$300,000

Lewiston

Funds will be used for the establishment of the Mount St. Mary's Hospital Breast Health Center and

Niagara Community College

\$100,000

Niagara Falls

Funds will be used for the one-time purchase of equipment for the Hospitality and Tourism Center.

Niagara Air Reserve Base

\$5,700,000

Niagara Falls

Funds will construct a modern firing range supporting the requirements of the Base wings, the units of

Total Niagara Falls Area Funding

\$6,100,000

