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Slaughter Announces Additional \$50,000 Grant from the USDA for Fire Station in Newfane

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, today announced a \$50,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency to support the construction of a new fire station in the town of Newfane, NY. The grant was awarded to the Miller Hose Company of Newfane to offset cost overruns encountered with the new fire station.

“Firefighters and emergency responders are the backbone of our communities all across the country, from cities like New York to the towns like Newfane ,”
said Rep. Slaughter.

“I am happy this additional grant has been awarded to the Miller Hose Company. They are our first line of defense in an emergency, and it is absolutely essential that we provide them with the tools and facilities they need to keep themselves and the people of Newfane safe and secure.

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The grant will raise USDA Rural Development's investment in the project to \$1.8 million. USDA Rural Development provided a \$1.75 million direct loan for the fire station last year.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to support this effort," **said Patrick H. Brennan**, State Director for USDA Rural Development in New York. "The new station will improve fire protection for Newfane residents and is an example of how USDA Rural Development is improving the quality of life in rural New York."

State Senator George Maziarz (R/C - Newfane) said, "I know the dedicated men and women at Miller Hose are thrilled at USDA's continuing support for the new fire station. This facility will be a long-lasting asset to the people of Newfane, greatly enhancing their protection and safety for generations to come."

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