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"I am very pleased that our region will receive \$1.8 million over last year's amount. We've worked hard to persuade DHS that Western New York deserved their fair share of Homeland Security dollars," Rep. Slaughter said. **"I believe Secretary Chertoff's trip last month to Buffalo went a long way toward convincing DHS of the necessity of the funds."**

"We have made a good deal of progress in the past year. It was just last January when DHS told us that Buffalo wouldn't even be eligible to receive 2007 grant funding. The delegation worked hard to change the Secretary's mind, and local homeland security officials deserve a lot of credit for putting together a strong application that resulted in this increased award," Slaughter added.

Today's announcement follows a meeting held yesterday in Representative Slaughter's office with Secretary Chertoff, Governor Spitzer, and Senators Clinton and Schumer to discuss Homeland Security issues.

This funding comes from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (USAI), which is part of the Department of Homeland Security major grant funding program for large cities in the United States.

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