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GREGG ANNOUNCES \$700,000 FOR CREATION OF AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING AT MANCHESTER YMCA INCLUDED IN SENATE FUNDING BILL

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that \$700,000 in federal funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2004 Senate Appropriations measure funding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the renovation of the upper floors at the YMCA in Manchester. The measure was passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee last week. The renovations will create approximately twenty single-room, dormitory-style apartments to help alleviate the need of affordable student housing in Manchester. Senator Gregg, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was able to include the funding in the measure, which is now ready for consideration by the full Senate expected later this fall.

Senator Gregg stated, "There is a critical need for reasonably-priced, quality housing for students in Manchester. When these rooms are completed, it will eliminate one more hurdle college students face in the often difficult process of managing tuition costs and other financial obstacles associated with getting a college degree. This collaborative effort between the Manchester YMCA and a variety of local schools, including the University of New Hampshire in Manchester, the New Hampshire Community Technical College and the New Hampshire Institute of Art, will benefit students pursuing higher education and job training in downtown Manchester, as well as providing a boost of economic vitality to the community."

Harold J. Jordan, President and CEO of the Greater Manchester Family YMCA, stated, "Creating housing in Manchester's downtown area will support the vitality of our downtown community, YMCA and local colleges and universities. The YMCA's resident collaboration is a win-win for all parties involved. The new residence will provide a substantial economic stimulus to downtown Manchester, keep New Hampshire students in New Hampshire and provide full handicap access to the downtown YMCA for all of our community members for the first time. We are so grateful for Senator Gregg's hard work on behalf of the YMCA and our local colleges and universities."

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