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**SENATOR LINCOLN CHAFEE**  
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**CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$152,000 NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY GRANT TO RHODE ISLAND**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Labor has approved a grant of \$152,000 in National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds to the State of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training will use the funding to help finance a project that will develop the infrastructure to make health insurance benefits available for eligible individuals and to certify individuals potentially eligible for the health coverage tax credit.

The funds are being made available through the new special NEG authorities that were added to the Workforce Investment Act by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002.

The range of activities authorized under the grant includes the development of systems to support activities including: eligibility verification of individuals eligible for health insurance coverage benefits; procedures for notifying potentially eligible individuals of available options; processing insurance credit eligibility certificates; providing assistance in enrolling in qualified programs; and developing and installing data management systems.

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