

Congresswoman vows to help Des Plaines get federal funds

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U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, an Evanston Democrat, visited a Des Plaines City Council meeting Monday, and pledged to help the city get federal money for various projects.

Schakowsky, whose district includes most of Des Plaines and Park Ridge, said she will work to make sure Des Plaines gets a share of federal money for homeland security.

About \$2 billion is available for towns in the United States for homeland security, she said.

"I will be working as hard as I can to make sure Des Plaines gets a piece of that funding," she said.

She also said she has a six-page list of items the city wants help funding, including a new police and fire station.

She also made a visit to Maine South High School in Park Ridge earlier this week, and city officials expect her to attend the city's Arbor Day celebration at 2 p.m. Friday at North

Elementary School.