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\$200,000 WILL AID MANUFACTURER'S MOVE TO PLAINFIELD AND FUTURE BUSINESS GROWTH

Rep. **Christine Rosati** (D-Killingly, Plainfield) today praised the approval of a \$200,000 state grant to make necessary infrastructure improvements for a high-tech manufacturer to relocate to Plainfield and aid in the development of additional industrial sites on Lathrop Road Extension.

"This is an important project for Plainfield," Rep. Rosati said. "I am thankful to see the state investing in our community."

Governor **Dannel P. Malloy** announced the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) award today for Plainfield, one of only seven towns to receive an award in this round of funding.

ARS Products, LLC, a manufacturer of routers, amplifiers, and related products is moving its workforce to Plainfield.

"ARS's move to Plainfield compliments the recent expansions at Quinebaug Valley Community College and H. H. Ellis Technical High Schools with their focus on advanced manufacturing," Rep. **Rosati** said. "This STEAP funding is vitally important to provide the infrastructure needed to accommodate business growth, expand the local tax base and create good jobs."

Currently, ARS employs 40 individuals and plans to expand its workforce in the new facility.

Plainfield First Selectman **Paul Sweet** said, "This project is a partnership between government and business. The town of Plainfield along with CT Water, ARS, Droll Yankee, and the Community Avenue partnership worked together to provide resources to

make this happen. We have a lot of interest from businesses and this water line is essential, providing the infrastructure necessary for job creation and retention. I want to thank Representative Christine Rosati and Senator Mae Flexer for being strong advocates for this funding.”

“The receipt of the STEAP grant is a huge economic victory for the town of Plainfield,” Sen. **Mae Flexer** said. “I’m pleased that the state of Connecticut is going to be a partner in this effort. Plainfield would not be receiving this money if it weren’t for the determination and tenacity of our new state representative, Christine Rosati. She has really hit the ground running and Plainfield receiving this STEAP grant is proof of that.”

The \$200,000 will fund the extension of a water main to bring water for fire suppression systems to a local industrial zone. This development will serve current occupants and the expanded water line will open four additional industrial lots for future development.

“Partnering with our small towns, we’re able to move necessary projects forward that improve the quality of life for residents in those communities, while also strengthening our public spaces and business districts,” Governor **Malloy** said. “These funds help towns throughout our state grow and remain competitive, and we’re proud to provide this support today so we can all deliver a brighter tomorrow.”

STEAP is a state-funded program that was created by the General Assembly in 2001 to encourage economic growth and community conservation within the overall character of a town.

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