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### **Senator Anne Gobi and Representatives Todd Smola and Donald Berthiaume Announce Community Development Block Funding for Ware and Hardwick**

**BOSTON** – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representatives Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that Ware and Hardwick have been awarded grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). The towns will be awarded \$878,801 for housing rehabilitation assistance to 16 units, an environmental study in Hardwick and support of adult learning, health and elder services, and a local domestic violence prevention task force.

“I am thrilled for the communities and their work to provide safe, affordable housing, and prioritizing the well-being of seniors and adult learners,” said Senator Gobi.

"Community Development Block Grants promote job creation and help communities meet critical infrastructure and housing needs," said Representative Smola. "The improvements that our communities will be able to make as a result of this funding will serve to improve the health and safety of all residents."

“CDBG Grants are an indispensable tool for these smaller communities that were hit the hardest by the latest economic downturn,” said Representative Berthiaume. “This funding will be used to improve the overall infrastructure and safety in these rural towns”

President Gerald Ford signed the Housing and Community Development Act in 1974, giving state and local leaders around the country a powerful new tool to help stimulate community development and job growth - the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Baker-Polito administration announced 33 community development block grants totaling \$26 million to 65 communities on Wednesday. The funds will

help municipalities across the state provide housing, infrastructure improvements, childcare vouchers, and other services to residents, according to the administration.

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