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Ware Receives Community Development Block Grant

BOSTON – BOSTON – Representatives Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that Ware has been awarded \$725,000 through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). The majority of this funding will go towards the full depth reconstruction of Spring Street. The project will include improvements to the roadway, sidewalks and curbing along with upgrade to the drainage system and replacement of the water main. The remainder of the funds will go to provided domestic violence prevention services.

Ware is also part of a regional grant awarded to the town of Warren and also including the town of Hardwick. The majority of the award will go to housing rehabilitation and Ware will have 4 homes rehabilitated from the grant. In addition, the grant will also provide Adult Basic Education Services to residents of the towns as well as case management, counseling and other services for families.

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

"Congratulations to the Town of Ware on receiving this CDBG award," said Representative Berthiaume. "Many Central Mass small towns have a backlog of improvements and this funding will help to reduce the burden on the municipal budget."

Communities may apply for CDBG funding for activities including: housing rehabilitation projects, infrastructure repair or replacement, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities, neighborhood improvement projects, economic development loans and other business assistance programs, social service upgrades, downtown improvement projects and architectural barrier

removal and planning. The CDBG program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is the Commonwealth's largest available resource for neighborhood revitalization projects.

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