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Wales, Brimfield and Holland Receive Community Development Grant

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the Town of Wales, on behalf of itself and the towns of Brimfield and Holland have been awarded \$806,250 through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The award includes: \$594,000 for a regional housing rehabilitation program to address 24 units of single family housing with 8 units completed in each town; \$65,250 in planning funds for an affordable senior housing study in Holland; and \$72,000 to support the tri-town food pantry benefitting up to 650 people from the 3 towns. The remainder of the funds will be for administrative costs.

"Community Development Block Grants help communities meet critical community and housing needs," said Representative Smola. "I want to congratulate Wales, Brimfield and Holland for taking advantage of this valuable resource."

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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