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Community Development Block Grants Awarded to Local Communities

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) recently awarded \$34 million to support a variety of housing, community and economic development projects in 63 cities and towns across the Commonwealth. Several communities in the First Hampden District were among those awarded funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program:

Holland, Brimfield and Wales will receive \$565,300 for housing rehabilitation assistance to 13 units, a planning study for a senior center, support for a food pantry, and social service assistance for domestic violence prevention.

Palmer will receive \$825,000 to provide housing rehabilitation to five units, Fairview Street sidewalk improvements, and domestic violence prevention.

Ware and Hardwick will receive \$903,434 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 14 units, code enforcement, design work for New Braintree Road infrastructure improvements and social services assistance for domestic violence prevention, health services, literacy services, and senior outreach.

Warren will receive \$800,000 for infrastructure improvements to Moore Avenue and Lombard Street.

“This is great news for our community,” said Representative Smola. “These funds will assist our local towns with a number of priorities ranging from infrastructure and housing projects to vital social service programs.”

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is a competitive grant program authorized by Congress, funded under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and is designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development needs. CDBG funds are allocated annually to the Commonwealth through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and administered by DHCD.

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