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Representative Smola Announces Grants for Local Communities

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the towns of Palmer, Warren, and Ware have been awarded funding through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. 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.

The grants were awarded as follows: Palmer will receive \$825,000 to provide housing rehabilitation to 4 units, Depot Park design, a housing production plan and domestic violence prevention and transportation services; Ware and Hardwick will receive \$1,000,000 for housing rehabilitation assistance to 8 units, design for Cottage Street infrastructure improvements, sign and façade improvements for 5 businesses and social services assistance for domestic violence prevention, adult education and senior services; Warren will receive \$800,000 for School Street infrastructure improvements.

"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."

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. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617)722-2100.

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