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## **Representative Smola Announces New Grant Application Process for Local Communities**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** is pleased to announce a new resource for local communities. The Community One Stop for Growth is a single application portal and collaborative review process of community development grant programs. This process will streamline the applications process for local communities and better coordinate economic development programs and staff on engagement and grant making.

“This new system is great news for local communities,” said Representative Smola. “Streamlining and simplifying the grant application process will give towns more opportunities to take on big projects and provide assistance to local residents.”

This one stop application process replaces how municipalities have previously applied to several major state economic development grant programs with one application portal that provides access to programs offered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, and MassDevelopment. By participating in this process and submitting either an Expression of Interest or a Full Application, a project will be automatically referred to all relevant grant programs.

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