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Representative Smola Announces Grant for Sturbridge

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that Sturbridge is being awarded a \$212,000 grant through the Massachusetts Community Compact's new Municipal Fiber Grant Program. This competitive grant program was created to assist municipalities with the construction or completion of a municipal fiber internet network connecting municipally owned facilities.

"These improvements will make our local online services more efficient and secure," said Representative Smola. "I want to congratulate Sturbridge for taking advantage of this valuable program."

The updates and improvements financed through this program allows for centralized management of IT infrastructure, including network monitoring, cybersecurity, records management, and backup and recovery. A cohesive municipal network also creates opportunities to gain economies of scale by aggregating internet bandwidth purchases and the associated security infrastructure. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617)722-2100.

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