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### **Gobi, Smola & Berthiaume Announce Community Development Block Grants for Area Towns**

**BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren), and Representative Donald R. Berthiaume Jr. (R-Spencer)** have announced multiple Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program awards to area towns.

- Hardwick has received a \$796,836 grant for infrastructure improvements to Prospect and Broad Streets, municipal building accessibility improvement design, and domestic violence prevention services.
- Palmer has received \$807,862 for infrastructure improvements to Stewart Street, housing rehabilitation assistance for four housing units, as well as funding to support financial literacy and domestic violence prevention services.
- Ware has received \$800,000 for infrastructure improvements to Prospect Street, design services for Bank and Spring Street improvements, and for domestic violence prevention services.
- Warren, Hardwick, and Ware received a joint award of \$724,000 for School Street neighborhood design, housing rehabilitation assistance for fourteen housing units, and for support services related to adult education, community health, and domestic violence prevention.

“Improving the quality of life in our communities is something that these towns continue to do,” said Senator Gobi. “I am glad to support their efforts and I thank them for the hard work they put into securing these highly sought after funds.”

“This is great news for the community,” said Representative Smola. “These funds will assist Palmer, Ware and Warren with a number of priorities ranging from infrastructure and housing projects to domestic violence prevention.”

“Congratulations to these four towns on receiving these grants,” said Rep. Berthiaume. “This funding will allow these communities to complete much needed infrastructure improvements.”

The funding was announced today at the State House by the Baker-Polito Administration and legislators. In all 34 Community Development Block Grants were awarded to a total of 57 cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

The Community Development Block Grant program is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development needs. Assistance is provided to qualifying cities and towns for housing, community, and economic development projects that assist low- and moderate income residents.

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