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Representative Smola Announces Federal Block Grants Awarded to Local Communities

BOSTON – State Representative **Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** is pleased to announce that the towns of Palmer, Warren, and Ware were awarded funding through the federal Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). 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 \$876,925 for a playground rehabilitation project, to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 3 units and support domestic violence prevention services;
- Warren, Hardwick and Ware will receive \$905,176 for improvements to Pleasant Street, to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to 6 units and adult learning services to eligible area residents;
- Ware will receive \$799,984 for improvements to High Street, an infrastructure design project for Prospect Street and support for a local domestic violence prevention task force.

"Community Development Block Grants both 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.

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