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Gobi, Zlotnik Announce Community Development Block Grant for Winchendon and Ashby

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Jonathan D. Zlotnik (D-Gardner) have announced a \$1,000,000 joint grant for the Towns of Winchendon and Ashby through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The funding will be used for improvements to Walnut Street, housing rehabilitation assistance for twelve units of housing, and for a fuel assistance program.

“I congratulate the Towns of Ashby and Winchendon on receiving this highly competitive grant funding,” said Senator Gobi. “The communities continue to improve the quality of life for the residents and these funds will be well used.”

“CDBG money is a great resource for locally directed development efforts,” said Rep. Zlotnik. “It is an item in the state budget that I’m proud to support year after year and I want to congratulate officials in the Town of Winchendon on their efforts to secure these funds. This will make a meaningful positive impact on the community.”

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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