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Athol and Phillipston Awarded IT Grant Funding

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Susannah M. Whipps Lee (R-Athol) have announced that the Towns of Athol and Phillipston have been awarded grant funding through the Community Compact IT grant for a radio communications beacon. Athol has received \$13,440 for hardware upgrades for essential town systems, which will allow the town to leverage a shared services agreement with the Athol-Royalston Regional School District. Phillipston has received \$49,000 for the installation of a radio communications beacon to eliminate gaps that currently exist in emergency communications.

“I would like to congratulate both towns on being awarded IT grant funding,” said Senator Gobi. “Both projects will greatly increase efficiencies in both towns.”

“These awards are a terrific example of the partnership between our administration and our municipalities,” said Rep. Whipps Lee. “Royalston also received \$13,000. This money will be used to create a system to maintain accurate financial records at a greatly reduced expense to the town.”

The Community Compact IT Grant Program is a competitive grant program focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology. This grant opportunity is specifically for cities and towns who applied for a Community Compact on or before January 29, 2016. Athol signed its Community Compact on February, 11, 2016. Phillipston signed its Community Compact on May 17, 2016.

Grants funding supports the implementation of innovative IT projects by funding related one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure, upgrades and/or purchases of equipment or software. Incidental or one-time costs related to the capital purchase such as one-time planning, design, installation, implementation and initial training are eligible.

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