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### **Senator Anne Gobi Announces Community Development Block Grant Funding for Local Communities**

**BOSTON** – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) is pleased to announce that 9 local communities have been awarded grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). The towns of Athol, Brookfield, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Ware, Warren, Hardwick and Winchendon will receive grants totaling over \$5.4 million.

“I congratulate the towns and I thank them for the work they did in order to be considered and awarded these very competitive grant monies,” said Senator Gobi. “I will continue to work with the towns on these important projects to improve the quality of life in our region.”

The grants will be issued to the communities for the following purposes:

**Athol** will receive \$706,748 for infrastructure improvements to Winter, Wilder and Summer streets.

**Brookfield** will receive \$363,699 for two design projects (infrastructure and senior center) and two planning projects (ADA and environmental remediation).

**North Brookfield** will receive \$799,808 for infrastructure improvements to North Common Street.

**Palmer** will receive \$507,663 to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to three units, rehabilitation of Thorndike Playground and support domestic violence prevention services.

**Spencer** will receive \$788,890 to provide infrastructure improvements to Chestnut Street and support a food pantry.

**Ware, Warren and Hardwick** will receive \$1,053,100 for housing rehabilitation services to 24 units and to support social services for senior outreach, youth services, domestic violence prevention, adult education and community health.

**Warren** will receive \$675,320 for Quaboag Street infrastructure improvements and domestic violence prevention services.

**Winchendon** will receive \$557,335 for Chestnut Street improvements, housing rehabilitation assistance to two units and for a fuel assistance program.

President Gerald Ford signed the Housing and Community Development Act in 1974, giving state and local leaders around the country a powerful new tool to help stimulate community development and job growth - the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Baker-Polito administration announced 39 Community Development Block Grants, totaling \$30.5 million, to 58 communities across Massachusetts. The funds will help municipalities across the state provide specific housing, community, and economic development projects that support low- and moderate-income residents and revitalize underserved areas, according to the administration.

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