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Senator Anne Gobi and Representatives Smola and Berthiaume Announce Community Development Block Funding for Warren, Brookfield and North Brookfield

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representatives Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that Warren, Brookfield and North Brookfield have been awarded joint grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). The three towns will be awarded \$955,136 for improvements to Highland Street in Warren, for North Common infrastructure design in North Brookfield, Brookfield Senior Center planning, housing rehabilitation assistance to 10 units and domestic violence services.

“I congratulate the towns on this shared funding to provide such necessary services,” said Senator Gobi. “Warren has put an emphasis on safe, affordable housing which will be aided by these funds. North Brookfield and Brookfield will also be able to continue their planning for the future.”

"Community Development Block Grants 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."

“CDBG Grants are an indispensable tool for these smaller communities that were hit the hardest by the latest economic downturn,” said Representative Berthiaume. “This funding will be used to improve the overall infrastructure and safety in these rural towns”

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 33 community development block grants totaling \$26 million to 65 communities on Wednesday. The funds will help municipalities across the state provide housing, infrastructure improvements, childcare vouchers, and other services to residents, according to the administration.

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