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Senator Anne Gobi and Representative Todd Smola Announce Community Development Block Grant Funding for Wales, Brimfield and Holland

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) are pleased to announce that Wales, Brimfield and Holland have been awarded joint grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). The three towns will be awarded \$571,547 to provide rehabilitation to 16 housing units, new domestic violence services and a food pantry.

“I congratulate the communities on receiving these sought after funds,” said Senator Gobi. “I am thankful for their commitment to improving and providing necessary services in housing, and prevention of hunger and domestic violence”

"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."

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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