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Senator Anne Gobi Announces Energy Grants for Local Communities

BOSTON – Five communities and one regional school district in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex District have been awarded Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grants. Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) announced that the following communities will receive awards:

- Ashburnham: \$12,500
- Athol: \$12,500
- Hubbardston: \$7,500
- Quaboag Regional Schools: \$9,500
- Rutland: \$12,500
- Templeton: \$7,500

“Investing in clean energy not only saves communities money, but it also contributes to the collective responsibility to reduce energy emissions,” said Senator Gobi. “In the past month we have seen incredible natural disasters, exacerbated by climate change, level entire cities, rip families apart, and strand millions of people. Investing in a comprehensive clean energy portfolio, reducing emissions, and combatting climate change now is a fraction of the monetary and human cost of dealing with a natural disaster later. The Green Communities program has been leading the way in supporting our cities and towns in this endeavor. Congratulations to Quaboag Regional Schools and the Towns of Ashburnham, Athol, Hubbardston, Rutland and Templeton.”

The META grant funds are utilized by designated Green Communities or municipalities in the designation process to better inform their clean energy decision-making and are awarded to Massachusetts municipalities, regional school districts, and water/wastewater districts to aid in the management of projects or the performance of studies to support the development of energy projects.

For more information on the Green Communities program visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/green-communities/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

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