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KENNEDY AND TSONGAS ANNOUNCE \$9.2 million IN HUD GRANTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS SMALL CITIES.

23 Massachusetts Cities and Towns have been invited to submit funding requests totaling over \$ 9,200,000 for housing rehabilitation and public improvements under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Small Cities program.

Senators Edward M. Kennedy and Paul E. Tsongas announced today that HUD has selected 23 out of 95 competitors to submit final applications for funding under this program. The Small Cities grants are authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and are available to Cities and Towns with populations under 50,000. Municipalities have the option of applying for one year single purpose grants or three year comprehensive grants, to undertake activities aimed at correcting deficiencies in public facilities which affect public health or safety and rehabilitation of housing for low and moderate income persons. \$815 million is available for the program nationwide.

"Our small cities and towns have tremendous needs which they cannot finance through the local tax base," Senator Tsongas said. "The block grants are a crucial aid to local governments caught in the budget crunch."

Senator Kennedy said, "I am pleased with today's awards for Community Development Block Grants to the smaller communities in Massachusetts. This program has been enormously successful in encouraging innovative revitalization efforts, and signifies a vital step forward in expanding housing and economic opportunities for citizens of our Commonwealth."

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MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS INVITED TO SUBMIT
FULL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HUD SMALL
CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

GREENFIELD	\$2 Million over three years \$400,000 this year
MONTAGUE	\$450,000
WILLIAMSTOWN	\$450,000
AMHERST	\$400,000
ADAMS	\$400,000
BELCHERTOWN	\$54,000
WESTFIELD	\$500,000
WARREN	\$450,000
LUDLOW	\$500,000
OXFORD	\$500,000
BLACKSTONE	\$127,000
AUBURN	\$300,000
GARDNER	\$125,000
DANVERS	\$500,000
GEORGETOWN	\$264,000
BEVERLY	\$411,000
EVERETT	\$2 Million over three years \$600,000 this year
ATTLEBORC	\$2,103,000 over three years \$700,000 this year
NATICK	\$165,000
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	\$354,000
MILLIS	\$250,000
HULL	\$2,983,000 over three years \$900,000 this year
WAREHAM	\$1,724,000 over three years \$400,000 this year
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TOTAL	\$9,200,000 23 CITIES AND TOWNS