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### **Northampton Awards \$96,857 in CDBG Public Services Grants**

Today Mayor David J. Narkewicz announced \$96,857 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been awarded to 13 local programs. Projects include funding for an emergency food pantry, a homeless prevention project, and a new senior employment program. This funding round supports programs from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. This is the city's 34<sup>th</sup> year receiving CDBG funds to support community development purposes in public services, public infrastructure improvements, public facilities improvements, elimination of slums and blight, economic development, and affordable housing.

"I am pleased that federal CDBG funding was preserved for FY2018 as these funds play a critical role in Northampton's community development efforts to keep our city vibrant, affordable and humane," said Mayor Narkewicz. "I want to thank Congressman Jim McGovern and Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey for working across the aisle with their colleagues to prevent the elimination of CDBG as was originally proposed by the President."

Mayor Narkewicz also thanked a special review committee he appointed to advise him on making these competitive funding awards. That committee, which reviewed applications and conducted grant interviews, was chaired by Rev. Todd Weir, representing the Northampton Housing Partnership, Christine Young of the Human Rights Commission, Greta Hagen of Safe Passage, representing the social services community, and City Councilors Marianne LaBarge and Gina-Louise Sciarra. Organizations receiving funding for FY2018 are:

Casa Latina	Puentes: Bridges for Latinos	\$10,000
Center for New Americans	Outreach and Services to Build Immigrant Self-Sufficiency	\$ 8,500
Center for Human Development	Big Brothers/Big Sisters Northampton Mentoring Program	\$ 5,000
Center for Human Development	Community Housing Support Services/ SRO Outreach Project	\$ 10,000
Community Action	Youth Programs' Employment Readiness Initiative	\$ 6,500
Community Legal Aid	Homelessness Prevention Project	\$ 6,500
Highland Valley Elder Services	Northampton Nutrition Program	\$ 4,000
The Literacy Project	Pathways to Success	\$ 9,000
MANNA Soup Kitchen	Soup Kitchen	\$ 3,357
Northampton Senior Services	Employment After Retirement (EARN) Network	\$ 4,000
ServiceNet, Inc.	Grove Street Inn Homeless Shelter	\$ 10,000
ServiceNet, Inc.	Inter-Faith Winter Shelter	\$ 10,000
Northampton Survival Center	Emergency Food Pantry	\$ 10,000