

WASHINGTON □ Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) today announced that USDA Rural Development has awarded a grant to the Pioneer Valley Community Access Center (CISA) in South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

"This funding will assist local farmers' efforts to produce and sell more value-added products, thereby increasing their income and the local economy," said Olver.

The USDA Rural Development grant will allow CISA to provide technical assistance to the Pioneer Valley Community Access Center (CISA) in South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

In 2004, CISA helped local sheep farmers produce 320 blankets, which were in great demand. This new funding will help CISA continue its work.

CISA is a non-profit organization based in South Deerfield, Massachusetts, dedicated to sustaining agriculture in the Pioneer Valley region.

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