

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the fiscal year 2014 budget has passed the House of Representatives. Congressman Olver is a member of the Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee. Olver declared, "This federal funding will help our excelling North Central organizations continue to do their best for the community. The projects and their included dollar amounts are:

\$263,444 for Barre Family Health Center's Expansion

This funding will contribute toward the Barre Family Health Center's expansion from 8,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet. "The Barre Family Health Center is the only center for urgent care and emergency services for ten communities in the North Central region," Olver said.

Contact for more information: Gary Lapidus, Senior VP of UMass Memorial Health Care, 508-334-4444

\$5.88 million for MBTA's Fitchburg-Boston Rail Line

This funding is part of a \$150 million project to improve the current MBTA commuter line from Fitchburg to Boston. "Commuter rail access is important to the residents in the North Central region," Olver said. "Significant investments in commuter rail will improve the quality of life for residents in the North Central region."

For more information, contact: Bill Steffens, Vice President, McMahon Associates, 617-725-0099

\$470,000 for On-Site Academy in Gardner

This funding will support On-Site Academy's Law Enforcement Counseling Program in Gardner. The program provides counseling and support for law enforcement officers. "With national statistics indicating 1 in 6 returning officers experience mental health issues, this program is a critical resource for our community," Olver said.

\$493,500 for City of Leominster Law Enforcement Sharing Network

This funding will allow the city of Leominster to expand the Law Enforcement Information and Analysis System. Currently, participating communities are Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, Ashburnham, Winchendon, Ludlow, and Uxbridge. "I am pleased to provide funding to allow additional police departments to further enhance the cooperation and information sharing among law enforcement agencies in the North Central region," Olver said.

Contact for more information: Police Chief Roddy, City of Leominster PD, 978-534-7560

\$980,000 for Advanced Freight Locomotive Safety and Monitoring Systems Implementation in Fit

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), working in conjunction with Foster-Miller Company, based a

"I am pleased to support a public/private partnership between the FRA and Foster-Miller that has broug

Contact for more information: Bill Ribich, Foster Miller, at 781-684-4018

\$318,000 for Creation of Gardner Community Health Center (Mary Kane Building Renovation)

This funding will go towards Community Health Connection's (CHC) renovation of 3 floors of an elemen

"An estimated 12 percent of Gardner area residents have no health insurance. When you include peopl

Contact for more information: Robert Johnson, CEO CHC Family Health Center, 978-665-5965

\$588,000 for Community Transit Services (CTS) in Athol

This funding will allow CTS, a non-profit public transportation provider based in Athol, to provide transit

CTS's service area includes the rural communities along Route 2 commonly referred to as the Northern

"Services provided by CTS are particularly important to people with disabilities, senior citizens and the v

Contact for more information: Fran Gromelski, Director of CTS, 978-575-0805

\$502,313 for Mount Wachusett and other Northern Tier Community Colleges "SIMS"

The funding will be used to expand the simulated instructional mannequin system (SIMS) within the cor

"These 'virtual hospitals' are excellent training opportunities for healthcare professionals. They should p

Contact for more information: Edward Terciero, MWCC, 978-632-6600

\$1 million for MART construction projects

\$250,000 of this Montachusett Regional Transit Authority funding will go towards the Leominster parking

Contact for more information: Mohammed Khan, Administrator, MART, 978-345-7711, ext. 2233.

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