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### *Shrewsbury Awarded Community Compact Information Technology Grant*

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Representative Hannah E. Kane (R-Shrewsbury) announced that the Town of Shrewsbury was awarded \$85,000 through the Community Compact Information Technology (IT) Grant Program.

The grant program was established by the Baker-Polito Administration to drive innovation at the local level through investments in technology. Grant funding awarded to the Town of Shrewsbury will be applied toward improving the Town's core infrastructure in an effort to ensure continuity of business operations.

“As technology leaps forward, communities are continuously faced with the need to reevaluate and upgrade their technological systems in order to provide consistent and accessible services to local residents,” said Sen. Moore. “The Community Compact IT Grant will enable the Town of Shrewsbury to make the system user experience more straightforward, as well as to improve internal communication networks that would make work of government officials more efficient. While improving technological systems may not be something we think about each day, this funding will have a considerable impact on the delivery of government services to the residents of Shrewsbury.”

“In this day and age it is easily forgotten how much we all rely on technology and internet access, it has become integrated as part of our daily lives,” said Rep. Kane. “The grant awarded to Shrewsbury Electric and Cable Operations (SELCO) will have a great impact on the operations of SELCO, allowing them to further enhance security measures on the SELCO network and set-up secure backup systems in remote locations in case of emergency. This

funding, paired with the continued hard work of the SELCO employees, will greatly benefit all residents and businesses served by the utility company in Shrewsbury, much even without our noticing.”

A total of \$2 million was awarded through the Program to support the implementation of innovative and transformative IT projects. Applications submitted by 52 communities throughout the Commonwealth were selected for funding through the Program.

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