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Second Franklin District to Receive \$481,369 in Additional Local Aid

BOSTON – Representative Denise Andrews (D-Orange) announced today that towns in the Second Franklin District will receive an additional \$481,369 in local aid because of action in the supplemental budget on October 27, 2011. Governor Deval Patrick approved this action, which distributed \$65 million in supplemental budget for the cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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“I am delighted that the Second Franklin District will be receiving these extra funds,” House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo said. “Thanks to the sound fiscal management of the House and the reforms we have put in place, we can now restore cuts to local aid. Several years into the

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This additional local aid was to be distributed to municipalities on Monday, October 31, 2011. Under the plan Athol would receive an additional \$161,909; Erving, \$4,110; Gill, \$14,578; Greenfield, \$194,159; Orange, \$98,835; and Warwick, \$7,778.

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