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## ***Neighborworks Greater Manchester Receives \$1,000 Grant through Hampshire First Bank***

**Manchester, NH** – Hampshire First Bank is proud to announce it recently awarded NeighborWorks Greater Manchester a \$1,000 cash grant through the Grants of New England Partnerships (GNP) program. The GNP program was established by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston to recognize the importance of partnerships between member institutions and community-based nonprofit organizations in developing successful community investment initiatives. “It is because of your important work in your community that Hampshire First Bank chose NeighborWorks Greater Manchester for this award,” said Michael A. Jessee, President/CEO, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston.

“Hampshire First Bank chose NeighborWorks® Greater Manchester as the recipient of the \$1,000 cash grant because of the great work they do for countless families looking to purchase a home,” said Jim Dunphy, President/CEO Hampshire First Bank. “As a local, community bank we are always looking at ways to invest back into our communities. This grant will help support NeighborWorks mission of enhancing people’s lives by providing access to affordable housing.”

“On behalf of NeighborWorks Greater Manchester, we thank Jim Dunphy and Hampshire First Bank for helping us to enhance and enrich the lives of many in Greater Manchester by offering education and resources for first time home buyers,” said Robert Tourigny, Executive Director, Neighborworks Greater Manchester. “Buying a home can be an overwhelming decision for many and with our help; we hope we can make the experience enjoyable and not so stressful. We look forward to working with Hampshire First Bank in the future.”

**About Hampshire First Bank:**

Hampshire First Bank is a New Hampshire-chartered commercial bank that serves customers throughout Southern New Hampshire. The Bank operates its main banking office at 80 Canal Street, Manchester and with locations at 221 Main Street in Downtown Nashua and 391 West Street in Keene. The bank also provides state of the art electronic banking services, such as Online Account Origination and Remote Deposit automation. The Bank’s common stock is traded on the OTC electronic bulletin board, under the symbol HFBN.