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**BRISTOL COUNTY SAVINGS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS
GRANTS IN FY 2011 TOTALING MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS**

TAUNTON, MA, December 00, 2011 — Bristol County Savings Bank (BCSB) and its charitable foundation awarded grants in fiscal year 2011 totaling just over \$1 million dollars. BCSB distributed the funds to 143 different organizations within the communities it serves, including Taunton, Attleboro, North Attleboro, Raynham, Rehoboth, Dartmouth and New Bedford, Massachusetts and Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

The Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation (BCSCF) was established in 1996 as part of the Bank's 150th Anniversary celebration. Since the Foundation began, almost \$8 million in grants have been awarded to hundreds of 501(c)(3) organizations. The Foundation's purpose is to fund needs that contribute to the economic and the social well-being of the people and institutions located in greater Attleboro/Taunton and greater New Bedford/Dartmouth, Massachusetts, as well as the Pawtucket, Rhode Island, with particular emphasis in the areas of education and literacy, economic development and housing for the low- to moderate-income population.

"As a community bank, we feel it's vitally important to support local organizations that are doing all they can to make a positive impact during these challenging times," said Patrick Murray, President of the BCSCF and Executive Vice President/Treasurer & COO of BCSB. "The not-for-profit organizations we assisted this year are all building a stronger community in different ways and, in so doing, continually inspire us to keep doing our part."

Background Information:

Bristol County Savings Bank, founded in 1846, is a full-service financial institution offering commercial lending, personal and business banking, and mortgage services. The Bank currently operates 11 full-service branch offices throughout southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Bank's Pawtucket office which opened in June of 2001. The Bank has also expanded its loan operations over the years with four dedicated loan centers in addition to its branch locations.

Bristol County Savings Bank began expanding into other avenues in 1995 with the acquisition of Anawon Trust in Attleboro, MA, the Bank's trust and investment advisory division which has successfully assisted businesses, individuals and non-profits with the management of their assets since 1989. In 2009, the Bank invested in the Farrell Backlund Insurance Agency, LLC, its majority-owned subsidiary, one of Southeastern Massachusetts' largest independent insurance agencies. This alliance allows the Bank to provide quality insurance options from more than 50 experienced insurance professionals.

The steady growth and expansion has resulted in \$1.3 billion in assets and just over 300 employees in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The key words at Bristol County Savings Bank are: "Commitment, Stability, and Community," values that are combined with state-of-the-art technology to meet the needs of its customers. A dedicated local community bank for over 165 years, Bristol County Savings Bank is actively involved in giving back to all the communities it serves both through financial support and the volunteerism of its people.

The Main Office and Corporate Headquarters of Bristol County Savings Bank are located on Broadway in Taunton, MA. For additional information please call 508-824-6626, or visit www.bristolcountysavings.com.