

No Freeze Shelter gets \$50K in help

WILLIMANTIC — State Senate President Pro Tempore Donald E. Williams, D-Brooklyn, announced Thursday that \$50,000 has been secured to help the Windham No Freeze Shelter Project.

The shelter houses homeless people overnight during the cold New England winters to protect them from freezing temperatures. It is located in the Calvary Baptist Church on Main Street.

“This grant money will ensure that no one in the Windham community will have to sleep outside during some of the coldest nights of the year,” said Williams. “We’re fortunate that this winter has been more mild than usual, but even when temperatures hover in the 40s at night, people who have no where else to go should be able to find a warm meal and a warm bed in a place like the Windham No Freeze Shelter.”

The funds will be used in several areas.

“The money is a great help,” said shelter board chairman Tom McNally. “It will enable us to stay open, to provide a warm and safe place for people with no place to go. Particularly it will allow us to retain experienced staff who can help the patrons get referrals to agencies in the area that may be able to help them.”

The shelter is open Nov. 1 through April and when the weather warms, the shelter provided dinners and lunches.