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## **CARL JUNCTION TO RECEIVE MORE THAN \$200,000 IN STATE GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH RECOVERY FROM DAMAGE DONE BY MAY TORNADO**

JEFFERSON CITY -- Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, has announced that the City of Carl Junction will receive more than \$200,000 in grant money from the Missouri Department of Economic Development to assist with recovery from a tornado that swept through the community in May, leaving millions of dollars of damage in its wake.

“Carl Junction was devastated by the tornado that ripped through it,” said Nodler. “This money will offer some relief to the community, which has had to deal with the mounting costs of rebuilding.”

Carl Junction will receive \$211,500 in assistance from the Department of Economic Development’s Community Block Grant (CDBG) program for housing rehabilitation, relocation, reconstruction, drainage, administration, homeowner assistance, and a housing market study.

“The magnitude of destruction in Carl Junction was enormous,” Nodler said. “The Carl Junction School District alone suffered more than \$5 million in damage.”

In July, the Department of Economic Development announced that it would make more than \$20 million available to devastated communities. This money was made available by allocating funds from existing DED programs for the Disaster Recovery Fund.

Programs involved in the Disaster Recovery Fund included the Missouri Housing Development Commission, the Neighborhood Assistance Program, Neighborhood Preservation program, the Community Development Block Grant program and from use of National Emergency Grant funds administered by DED’s Division of Workforce Development.

All 70-plus Missouri counties designated as disaster areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency were eligible to apply for this funding.

“The Department of Economic Development met with business owners and local officials in communities that sustained damage to determine where gaps existed between federal assistance programs and private insurance,” Nodler said. “The Disaster Recovery Fund was shaped in a way that would best meet the needs of the people of this state.”

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