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## State Senator John Cauthorn Announces Block Grant Award For Northeast Missouri

Jefferson City, MO – Sen. John Cauthorn, R-Mexico, today announced that Laddonia has been awarded a grant of \$300,000. The grant monies will be used to fund roadway construction.

"This grant will dramatically help Laddonia, and will aid in their efforts to provide public infrastructure improvements," Cauthorn said. "The improvements will assist the development of East Central Ag Products (ECAP) which will create at least \$30 million in private investment and 30 new fulltime positions over the course of two years."

Laddonia's grant is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG program is administered by Missouri's Department of Economic Development (DED), which awards the grants to developing communities throughout the state. Grant amounts are determined by a number of factors, including the demonstration of a need for a particular project, the scope and suitability of the project and the project's estimated benefits.

"The people of Laddonia put together a proposal that met all the requirements for the DED's development grant program," Cauthorn said. "Now, after earning the grant award, Laddonia can get to work. Once completed, the improvements will improve the quality of life for the entire community and may well serve to spark further area development, too."

Sen. Cauthorn represents Missouri's 18th Senate District. He can be reached in his Capitol office at (573) 751- 6858.

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