"Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong." – Daniel O'Connell



"Free and fair discussion will ever be found the firmest friend of truth." – George Campbell

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<u>State Senator Bill Stouffer Announces Funds Awarded</u> <u>to Three Missouri Communities</u>

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Saline, today announced that several

central Missouri communities have received financial assistance from the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Tax credits from the Neighborhood Assistance Program will be used for community and educational facilities in Macon and Arrow Rock.

"These tax credits help provide improvements for our communities," Stouffer said. "Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre attracts over 30,000 visitors each year and the tiny village relies on the theatre to bring customers to its shops, restaurants, and other community attractions in order to maintain a constant economic environment." Macon was awarded a \$99,400 tax credit to provide educational services and Arrow Rock received \$350,000 to replace Lyceum Theatre cast and staff living quarters destroyed by fire in 2004.

In addition, a Community Development Block Grant of \$400,000 will be used for public infrastructure improvements in Richmond's central business district.

Grant amounts are based on correspondence between grant staff and community officials.

"Community leaders work hard to earn these important grants and I hope they continue to work hard and continue in their efforts," said Stouffer.

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