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Sen. Rob Mayer Announces \$300,000 Community Development Grant for Butler County

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, today announced that a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant has been awarded to Butler County. The funds will be used for the construction of a new sheltered workshop for the Manufacturers Assistance Group.

"The Manufacturers Assistance Group provides a valuable service to the people of Butler County," Mayer said. "These funds will ensure that the M.A.G. and its employees continue to have adequate facilities in which to work."

The Manufacturers Assistance Group is a sheltered workshop that provides employment opportunities to adults with mental disabilities. Employees assemble, sort and ship various products, among other services.

Block grant staffers at the Department of Economic Development's Community Development division rely on communication with community leaders to determine which areas are most deserving of development grants.

"This grant is a tribute to the hard work of the people of Butler County," Mayer said. "They are the ones who have made the effort to continue the benefits provided by the Manufacturers Assistance Group."

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Senator Robert Mayer represents the people of Wayne, Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid,

Pemiscot and Dunklin counties in the Missouri Senate.