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# Senator Jason Crowell Announces Grant Awards for Area Schools

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JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that two schools in Jackson have been chosen to receive grants through the Missouri Department of Conservation’s 2006-2007 Show-Me Conservation Outdoor Classroom program. Just Kids Learning Developmental Center and Russell Hawkins Junior High School have each been awarded \$1,000.

The grant program, which is a joint initiative of the Department of Conservation and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, serves to promote practical instruction through outdoor conservation education. The money the schools received will be put toward the development of an outdoor classroom.

“Missouri prides itself on its native vegetation, wildlife and habitats, so it is very important that students are taught how to conserve and preserve these natural resources,” Crowell said. “These grants will enable students and teachers to work together to plant gardens, build ponds and observe birds and insects in their natural environments. An outdoor classroom offers a host of educational opportunities for students so they can connect with nature on a hands-on basis.”

This year, the Department received 89 project proposals, of which 56 were selected for grants.

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