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Senator Smith Announces Funding for Homelessness Prevention and Housing Services *Grants to directly impact District 4*

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. – State Senator Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, today announced recently approved funding through the Missouri Housing Development Commission to aid in preventing homelessness and strengthen housing projects in the 4th Senate District.

Agencies in the district will receive part of 103 grants allocated during the 2007 funding cycle from the Missouri Housing Trust Fund. Statewide competition for these funds make it especially noteworthy that low-income and homeless constituents will benefit daily from the grants totaling \$6.5 million statewide. Of that total, \$1,487,000 will go to agencies in the 4th District (see list on page 2).

Since its creation by the legislature in 1994, the Missouri Housing Trust Fund receives funding from a \$3 recording fee charged in real estate transactions, and has become a vital tool in combating homelessness and forestalling home foreclosures through mortgage assistance.

“Homelessness is a growing problem in our region,” said Sen. Smith. “We need to ensure that individuals and families in crisis have every opportunity to keep a roof over their heads.”

Trust fund monies have served as a conduit to establish a network of agencies that serve the needs of low-income families and individuals. Homelessness prevention programs, home construction/rehabilitation, home repair and rental assistance are just a few of the options available through these agencies.

The agencies receiving funding in Senate District 4 include:

Great Things Incorporated Foundation

Adequate Housing for Missourians

Justine Peterson Housing & Reinvestment Corp.

Paraquad, Inc.

Catholic Charities Housing Resource Center

Catholic Charities Community Services

Center for Women in Transition

Peter & Paul Community Services, Inc.

Lydia's House, Inc.

Interfaith Residence

Rebuilding Together St. Louis

Missouri Energy Care, Inc.

St. Louis Transitional Hope, Inc.

Evangelical Children's Home

Better Family Life, Inc.

Beyond Housing & Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Society of Vincent St. DePaul Criminal Justice Ministry

Almost Home, Inc.

Saint Patrick Center

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