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Senator Barnitz Announces Funding for Homelessness Prevention and Housing Services

Grants to directly impact District 16

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. – Senator Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced recently approved funding through the Missouri Housing Development Commission to aid in preventing homelessness and strengthen housing projects in the district.

Agencies in the district will receive part of 103 grants allocated during the 2007 funding cycle for 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, \$345,000 will go to agencies in the 16th 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.

“No one should have to face homelessness,” said Sen. Barnitz. “With these grants, many families and individuals in crisis will still have hope for the future and 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. Homeless 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 16 include:

Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc.

Adequate Housing for Missourians

South Central MO Community Action Agency

Northeast Community Action Corporation

Missouri Ozarks Community Action, Inc.

Family Violence Center, Inc.

Almost Home, Inc.