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Sen. Barnitz Announces Community Development Block Grant for Osage County

JEFFERSON CITY- Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced today that Osage County will receive a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Economic Development (DED). The grant will go towards the construction of a new facility for Osage County Community Living, Inc.

"State and local governments need to work together and remember they have the same goals," said Sen. Barnitz. "Improving the communities of this state is a common objective on both the state and local levels."

The Community Development Block Program offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address critical health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. Block grant staffers rely on communication with community leaders to determine which areas are most deserving of development grants.

Osage County Community Living, Inc. is an organization that provides disabled persons in Osage County with independent living, transportation and other services in order to meet their needs. One of the goals of the organization is to provide safe and affordable living arrangements for their clients.

"These people want to live independently, but some need varying degrees of assistance," said Sen. Barnitz. "Osage County Community Living, Inc. provides important services like transportation and living arrangements to these dedicated members of the community."

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