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Sen. Barnitz Announces Community Development Block Grant for Wellsville

JEFFERSON CITY- Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced today that the City of Wellsville will receive a \$69,625 grant from the Department of Economic Development (DED). The grant will go towards the demolition of dilapidated homes.

“This grant will allow the state and local governments to work together in order to improve the community,” said Sen. Barnitz. “These dilapidated homes are not only an eye sore; they are a health and safety concern.”

The vacant, dilapidated homes would normally be demolished at the city’s expense. The abandoned homes are often structurally unsound and can become safety hazards.

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. The DED and the City of Wellsville will both contribute to the cost of the demolition.

“By taking care of these vacant homes, property values will rise as the neighborhoods become more appealing to potential buyers,” said Sen. Barnitz. “This is an important project that will make a difference in the city.”

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