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Sen. Barnitz Announces Community Development Block Grant for Montgomery City

JEFFERSON CITY- Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced that Montgomery City will receive up to \$200,000 in funding for sewer and road improvements. The infrastructure improvements will assist in the development of AFB International's facility.

"These grants will encourage growth and development in Montgomery City and the surrounding areas," said Sen. Barnitz. "I am always pleased when the state is able to offer funds and assistance for the development of small communities in our state."

Community Development Block Grants are available to small Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address critical health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. AFB International is a supplier of pet food flavors and a leader in pet food palatability technology. The company will create at least \$5 million in private investments and 20 new full-time jobs within the next two years.

"This grant is an exciting development for the economic standing of the area," said Sen. Barnitz. "I congratulate the people of Montgomery City and encourage them to continue working to improve their already successful community."

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