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Sen. Barnitz Announces Federal Conservation Grant Availability

JEFFERSON CITY- Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, is encouraging schools, cities, and counties in the 16th District to apply for federally funded Land and Water Conservation Funds to assist in the renovation or development of outdoor recreation facilities.

"There are so many good ideas out there for projects that could benefit communities in the 16th District, but funding can be a concern," said Sen. Barnitz. "With grants like these, good ideas can become a reality."

All local governments and public school districts are eligible for the federal funds, which are made available through the National Park Service. The organization must be willing to provide a 55 percent match. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 15, 2007.

The Department of Natural Resources will hold workshops around the state to assist agencies interested in applying for these grants. The time and location of these workshops will be announced on the department's Web site and will take place in October.

Electronic versions of the application are available on Missouri's Department of Natural Resources Web page at www.mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm. Applications can also be requested by writing to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, Grants Management Section, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by phone at 1-800-334-6946 or by e-mailing marilyn.lehman@dnr.mo.gov.

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