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## Senator Jason Crowell Announces Waste Management Grants

Jefferson City – State Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that two solid waste management districts in the 27<sup>th</sup> Senate District will receive more than \$96,000 to help fund various operations and planning projects. The Region R, Southeast Missouri Solid Waste Management District will receive \$43,530; and the Region S, Bootheel Solid Waste Management District will receive \$52,891.

The Department of Natural Resources tracks revenue collected from a special "tipping" fee assessed on trucks dumping at landfills across the state. The DNR then forwards portions of this revenue to each of the state's several solid waste management districts based on criteria, such as a district's geographic size and population. The districts must award at least 50 percent of these funds to counties and cities in the districts for development and/or expansion of solid waste-related projects. The districts may then retain up to half of their allocations for district operation costs and implementation of a solid waste management plan.

"Missourians have always understood the importance of being good stewards of the earth and our environment," Sen. Crowell said. "Our investment in professional waste management practices yields the dividend of leaving fertile land, healthy forests, clear waters and clean air for our children and grandchildren."