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# STATEMENT

## by Senator Crowell on Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative Projects Slated for 27<sup>th</sup> District

Senator Crowell today confirmed that four major college campus construction projects he has advocated for are featured on the most current list of statewide projects under the Lewis & Clark Discovery Initiative, a plan backed by the governor, Sen. Crowell and legislative leadership funded by a partial divestment of assets in the state's higher education loan authority.

27<sup>th</sup> Senate District Lewis & Clark college construction projects include:

- A dental hygiene clinic at Southeast Missouri State University, in collaboration with Missouri Southern State University. (\$173,000 in Lewis & Clark funding.)
- A conservation- and environmental-based business incubator at Southeast Missouri State University. (\$4.5 million in Lewis & Clark funding.)
- Combination of renovated historic buildings and new construction to house the Visual and Performing Arts School at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus. (\$17.2 million in Lewis & Clark funding.)
- An autism education, research, diagnosis and treatment center at Southeast Missouri State University. (\$2.638 million in Lewis & Clark funding.)

"I am glad to have Southeast Missouri State University figure so prominently on the project list released today and look forward to seeing these facilities up and running. Their impact will be widespread, ranging from the advancement of dental care, the fostering of green-based businesses and the expansion of the visual and performing arts. And I'm especially excited about the life-bettering impact to come from the Southeast Missouri Autism Center, which will be an invaluable new resource for the estimated 900 affected children in the region. I will continue to work with my lawmaking colleagues in shepherding the necessary project-enabling legislation through to completion this spring."

– State Senator Jason Crowell