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Senator Jason Crowell and Rep. Ellen Brandom Announce \$550,000 Grant for Sikeston

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, and Rep. Ellen Brandom, R-Sikeston, today announced that Sikeston has been awarded a development grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The \$550,000 in funding will enable the city to provide public infrastructure improvements to the sewer and storm drainage systems.

“It is important for communities to have up-to-date wastewater treatment facilities and effective sewer systems and these improvements will help in the development of Bootheel Agri-Energy’s new facility,” Brandom said. “I commend the efforts of community members because their hard work paid off.”

A newly formed corporation, Bootheel Agri-Energy, is in the process of building a 100 million-gallon, coal-fired ethanol plant that will create at least \$140,000,000 in private investment and 60 full-time jobs within two years.

“I again applaud Bootheel Agri-Energy and their proactive agenda to boost the economy of Sikeston and the State of Missouri,” Crowell said. “Not only will this business benefit our mission to help Missouri become more energy independent, but it will also enhance the farming industry as well.”

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program offers grants to small Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address critical health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. It offers funds for projects ranging from housing and street repairs to industrial loans and job training.

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