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# **Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Project in Phelps County to Receive State Assistance**

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JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced that the Department of Economic Development’s Youth Opportunities Program has approved a project in the 16<sup>th</sup> District. The Phelps County Community Partnership has been approved for \$78,000 in tax credits.

“The Phelps County Community Partnership helps residents in the area have access to important services that make a positive impact on the future of the community,” said Sen. Barnitz. “I am pleased they were able to receive these credits because I know they will provide programs that positively benefit youth in the area.”

The Phelps County Community Partnership works with citizens and organizations to match public and private funding, resources, and programs to meet the needs of the communities in Phelps County and the region. One of the organization’s programs, called the YES Program, provides at-risk youth, ages 16-21, with employment-related assistance. This includes workplace readiness training and mentoring within the workplace.

The Youth Opportunities Program, administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides tax credits to organizations administering positive youth development or crime prevention projects.

“The YES Program helps youths get the help they need to become responsible and employable young adults who can contribute to the community,” said Sen. Barnitz. “This is a great example of a local organization working together with the state to help Missourians.”

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