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## Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Community Development Block Grant for Wellsville

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced that the Department of Economic Development (DED) has awarded a Community Development Block Grant for \$500,000 to the city of Wellsville. The grant will help the city make improvements to their water system.

"I am always pleased when state programs can help local communities in the district," said Sen. Barnitz. "These programs provide funding for infrastructure improvements that are necessary in these municipalities."

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to small Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address critical health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. Block grant staffers rely on communication with community leaders to determine which areas are most deserving of development grants. The DED and the city of Wellsville will both contribute to the cost of the water system improvements.

"This program allows the Department of Economic Development to work with small communities in Missouri to address their needs," said Sen. Barnitz. "We are all working towards the same goal of making Missouri a better place to live, work, and raise a family."

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