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Sen. Barnitz Announces Neighborhood Assistance Program Credits for Hermann Organization

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced today that the Department of Economic Development (DED) will award Historic Hermann, Inc. Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits. The \$317,147 in credits will provide funding for the restoration of the German School Museum.

"It is so important that our communities continue to grow and develop," said Sen. Barnitz. "This project to restore the German School Museum is historically and economically important to the area."

Historic Hermann, Inc. is an organization that is committed to preserving and interpreting the heritage of Hermann. The organization utilizes its collections, educational programs, and restoration of its historic German School Museum so that others in the community will have easy access to information about the area's history.

The German School, located at Fourth St. and Schiller, was built in 1871, and was used as an elementary school until 1955. Currently, the building is used as a museum and gift shop. Improvements planned for the German School Museum include renovations of the interior and exterior to alleviate deterioration and ensure the safety of the building.

The Neighborhood Assistance Program provides assistance to community-based organizations enabling them to implement community or neighborhood projects in the areas of community service, education, crime prevention, job training and physical revitalization. The Department of Economic Development issues 50 percent or 70 percent tax credits to an eligible taxpayer who makes a qualified contribution to an approved Neighborhood Assistance Program project.

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