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Senator Bill Stouffer Announces Grant for City in Senate District

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, today announced that the City of Blackwater has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). The city has been awarded \$121,484 for downtown revitalization.

“Blackwater is just like so many towns throughout rural Missouri,” Sen. Stouffer said. “Their downtown area is their backbone. Blackwater already has a wonderful downtown. Now they’ll be able to make existing improvements even better.”

The money will specifically be used to address parking issues along Railroad Ave., access to business store fronts, and replacement of a retaining wall to address erosion issues.

The CDBG offers funds to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address critical health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. DED offers funds for projects that can range from housing and street repairs to industrial loans and job training. Grant amounts are based upon correspondence between block grant staff and community officials, engineers, or grant administrators. The DED receives numerous requests for funding and relies heavily on input from local partners to determine which applicants are most deserving of development grants.

“I applaud the DED’s programs that highlight the importance of rural Missouri,” Sen. Stouffer said. “I look forward to seeing the efforts come of this grant come to fruition.”

For more information, contact Sen. Stouffer at his Capitol office at (573) 751-1507 or toll free at (866) 768-3987.

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