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Sen. Jason Crowell Announces Grants for Housing Agencies in Southeast Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY– Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) has recently approved funding for homeless prevention and housing services in Cape Girardeau and Sikeston. The funding is part of the \$5.1 million in grants through the Missouri Housing Trust Fund being awarded by MHDC in 2008.

“These grants will help individuals and families in our community who need help with their housing needs,” said Sen. Crowell. “Whether helping individuals from being homeless or providing rental assistance, these grants will improve the quality of life for people in our area.”

Three organizations in the community will benefit from the funding: Vision House in Cape Girardeau will receive \$49,330, Community Caring Council in Cape Girardeau will receive \$50,000, and the Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation in Sikeston will receive \$11,616. Each of these agencies works to increase housing opportunities for low income individuals and families in Southeast Missouri.

The Missouri Housing Trust Fund was created by the Legislature to help meet the state’s housing needs. The trust fund is administered through the MHDC, and this year, the department awarded 76 grants to agencies throughout the state.

“The organizations that received these grants work hard to make sure residents in their area have one of the most basic of necessities—a home,” said Sen. Crowell. “Their work is to be commended, and I am pleased we were able to help them accomplish this important task with state funding.”

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