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Cape Girardeau Receives Community Development Block Grant

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau), recently announced that the city of Cape Girardeau has been approved for a \$370,800 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant will be utilized to continue downtown revitalization in Cape Girardeau by creating additional viable parking.

“This funding will help to continue the work already started to improve the downtown area in Cape Girardeau,” said Sen. Crowell. “These projects help our city to reach its fullest economic and tourism potential.”

The grant will fund a project that will address parking deficiencies in the northern side of the downtown area. The project will develop a vacant and rundown parking lot near the riverfront area in downtown Cape Girardeau, making it a much-improved location for parking. Other improvements include additional lighting, landscaping, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible spaces, and additional restrooms in the downtown area.

In September of 2006, the governor made the announcement that Cape Girardeau would receive technical and financial assistance from the state to redevelop downtown areas under the Downtown Revitalization Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative. Other projects that received assistance thanks to the DREAM Initiative include the Fountain Street Extension Project, the Discovery Playhouse Children’s Museum, the 2007 Storytelling Festival, senior housing at the old Schultz school, and the Common Pleas Courthouse.

“When it was announced that Cape Girardeau would be a DREAM City, I expressed my excitement about the opportunities the community would have in order to efficiently and effectively complete downtown-renewal projects,” said Sen. Crowell. “As the project continues, I continue to applaud the members of our community who take the initiative to utilize these opportunities to improve the area.”

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