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## Sen. Crowell Announces Arts Council Funding for Southeast Missouri Organizations

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, announced today that eight Missouri Arts Council grants totaling \$106,326 have been awarded to organizations in Southeast Missouri. During the 2008 legislative session, the Legislature passed the budget for the current fiscal year, which included a significant increase for arts funding. Sen. Crowell serves on the Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

"The arts provide cultural and educational opportunities in our communities as well as contributing to the economic growth of the area," said Sen. Crowell. "This is why I continue to support and promote arts in Southeast Missouri."

Missouri Arts Council (MAC) funding is awarded to nonprofit organizations through grants that encourage and stimulate the growth, development, and appreciation of the arts in Missouri. MAC provides funding to make quality arts programming possible in both large and small communities.

Grants awarded to those in Southeast Missouri include:

- \$5,000 to Old Town Cape, Inc. in Cape Girardeau.
- Two grants for the Sikeston Cultural Development Corporation in Sikeston; \$9,393 for Community Arts Program Support and \$3,600 for Missouri Touring.
- \$26,355 to Southeast Missouri Council on Arts in Cape Girardeau.
- Four grants for Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau; \$2,000 for literature, \$23,816 in pass-through funding, \$11,172 for theater, and \$24,990 for visual arts.

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