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Senator Scott T. Rupp Encourages Community Leaders to Coordinate Efforts for Securing Federal Stimulus Fund Grants

Short Time Span for Seeking Grants Likely for Cities, Counties and Non-Profits

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, encourages cities, counties and non-profit groups that may be eligible for federal stimulus dollars to coordinate their local efforts as they pursue these one-time grants and to be aware that some applications for federal stimulus funding become available on very short notice and may require special applications or paperwork for consideration of funds.

“It’s very important for state and local governments and agencies that are interested in or expecting to receive some federal assistance to be aware of these short deadlines so they aren’t precluded from receiving these one-time grants,” Sen. Rupp said. “There are a variety of ways the stimulus funds will flow to state and local governments, so it’s critical for organizations to look closely at any deadlines, terms or definitions associated with any grant.”

While recently perusing a government Web site that provides information on federal stimulus funding, it was discovered an application opportunity in the area of arts funding opened on March 2 and closed on March 13.

Federal stimulus fund grants are available in a number of areas, including clean water and other environmental efforts, social services, health services, energy efficiency, education, nutrition, broadband communication, and USDA grants for agriculture. Senator Rupp recommends entities seeking grant funds utilize the following Web sites for federal stimulus funding information: grants.gov, recovery.gov, and cfda.gov. The latter is for the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, which resumes its Web site operation on March 31.

Senator Rupp encourages grant seekers to use only official government Web sites for securing grants.

“We’ve learned there are some scam artists on the Web ‘offering’ government money, so it’s important for grant seekers to be wary of official-sounding sites that make promises of federal money and ask for underwriting fees,” Sen. Rupp said.

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