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Sen. Kevin Engler Announced DNR Grant Opportunities for Energy Efficiency Programs

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, today announced that more than \$11 million in grants will soon be available in order to improve energy efficiency in Missouri communities through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The program, called *Energize Missouri Communities*, makes grants available to help local communities make investments in energy efficiency and conservation.

DNR is seeking proposals from eligible applicants for projects that will reduce the energy use of cities and counties, have a positive impact on their budgets, and enhance the economic development in Missouri through job creation. These projects will be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Project applications for the Energize Missouri Communities program are being accepted through a competitive request for project proposals process. Applications must be submitted by Jan. 15, 2010. Applications are available on the department's Web site at: dnr.mo.gov/transform/energizemissouricommunities.htm.

A Webinar hosted by DNR will be held on Dec. 7 to provide an overview of Energize Missouri Communities, a description of funding opportunities, address general inquiries and to provide individualized assistance to eligible applicants. For more information on the webinar and application workshops being held throughout the state call 877-610-0834.

“This is an opportunity for our communities to increase efficiency, implement new projects, and improve energy performance in our communities,” said Sen. Engler. “I hope that cities and counties in the 3rd Senate District will take this opportunity to review their needs and submit proposals to benefit our area.”

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