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## Senator Jeff Smith Announces Grant for St. Louis City Health Department's Air Pollution Control Program

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, has announced the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has awarded a \$15,000 grant to the St. Louis City Health Department's Air Pollution Control Program for an asbestos subgrant assistance agreement.

The city of St. Louis manages the asbestos program in their area. This includes reviewing the asbestos notifications, enforcing the asbestos laws and regulations, and collecting the appropriate fees. The public health benefit in regulating asbestos is tremendous. It is a regulated air pollutant with well documented serious impacts to public health.

"I am very pleased the St. Louis City Health Department will receive this funding to help improve the air quality of our region," Sen. Smith said.

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