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## **Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Funding for South Central Missouri Community Action Agency**

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today announced that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has awarded the South Central Missouri Community Action Agency a Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (LIWAP) subgrant.

The Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center received \$1.2 million in Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds. The funding allows the center to provide weatherization assistance to low-income citizens, targeting the physically disadvantaged, elderly, children, and others hit hardest by energy burdens.

The South Central Missouri Community Agency, one of 18 subgrantees, received \$38,449. The funding will be used to increase the energy efficiency of homes owned or occupied by those with low incomes, lower utility bills, and improve comfort while ensuring health and safety. The funding breakdown is based on the percentage of low-income households in the service area.

"This funding helps to make sure that struggling Missourians are able to stay safe and warm when temperatures drop," said Sen. Barnitz. "During these tough economic times, programs like these are especially important to protect our most vulnerable citizens."

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