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Senator Kurt Schaefer Calls Attention to Limited Time Span for Applications to Obtain Federal Stimulus Funds *Senator Encourages Coordination of Efforts to Avoid Missed Opportunities*

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Senator Kurt Schaefer called on cities, counties and any other organizations that could be eligible for federal stimulus funds to be aware that some applications for federal stimulus dollars are available on very short notice and may require proper paperwork for consideration of funds.

“It’s crucial for our local agencies and community leaders to be aware of these pressing deadlines so available funds don’t go unclaimed,” Sen. Schaefer said. “In addition, these groups will need to be aware of any terms or requirements associated with any grant, in order to ensure a smooth transition of funding to awaiting agencies.”

Some applications for funding have very small windows of opportunity. For example, Sen. Schaefer’s office staff discovered an application opportunity in the area of arts funding which opened on March 2 and closes on March 13.

Senator Schaefer encourages local community leaders to be aware of the wide variety of ways the stimulus funds will flow to state and local governments and reminds them to coordinate local activities while pursuing these one-time grants.

Federal stimulus fund grants are available in many areas, including clean water and other environmental efforts, social services, health services, energy efficiency, education, nutrition, broadband communication, and USDA grants for agriculture. Entities seeking grant funds should 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 will resume its Web site operation on March 31, 2009.

“There are already some scam artists out there claiming to offer government money, so please be aware of possible fraudulent Web sites that make promises of federal money,” Sen. Schaefer said, “Be sure to use only government Web sites to obtain information on these programs.”

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