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## **Senator Gary Nodler Suggests Municipalities and Non-Profits Closely Monitor Federal Stimulus Opportunities**

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JEFFERSON CITY — While fundamentally against the notion that Congress printing money will cure the nation's economic ills, Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) is suggesting that Southwest Missourians look into funding from the stimulus plan and related grant money now put in place. Federal agencies are already beginning to report use of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and many of the grants are becoming available on very short notice and require immediate action.

“While I am critical of this plan and its ultimate effectiveness as a true stimulus tool, the fact is that the damage has already been done. Ultimately, it is the taxpayer that is going to have to foot this bill, and I do not want the citizens in our area to miss out on grants that could benefit Southwest Missouri communities and organizations,” said Sen. Nodler. “There have already been instances when grant application periods have only been open for a matter of days, so community leaders and officials need to keep a close eye on possible opportunities.”

Missouri is estimated to receive approximately \$4 billion in federal funding through the stimulus plan, but this does not include grants that could be awarded to programs and projects throughout the state. Sen. Nodler recently addressed concerns that the federal government's temporary funding could be detrimental if used for on-going programs by working to pass Senate Bill 313, legislation he sponsored to closely track any money accepted on a state level.

Agencies distributing federal recovery grants include at least 25 national departments and organizations. Eligible projects are clearly and specifically defined and, in many instances, are required to begin work in a matter of months. The federal government is asking that recipients of federal funding begin reporting their use of funds by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

More information on possible federal funding is online at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), where a list of Recovery Act opportunities is available. For more information on the planned timeline for the legislation or full text of the bill, visit [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

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