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DED Awards More than \$41 Million to Missouri Counties and Cities; Bloomfield, Dexter, Puxico and Stoddard County Receive Millions

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DED awards more than \$41 million through Community Development Block Grant program to 41 communities for COVID-19 projects

The Department of Economic Development (DED) announced today it will award \$41.2 million through its Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) program to 41 Missouri communities to help them prevent, prepare for, and respond to the lasting effects of COVID-19. Funded project types include broadband development, infrastructure improvements, public facility construction, and more.

"As our state moves on from the COVID-19 crisis, we're proud that Missourians stayed the course through its difficulties," said Governor Mike Parson. "The Community Development Block Grant program is helping Missouri communities invest in improvements to prepare for future challenges. By addressing key needs in infrastructure and public safety, these projects are building a stronger tomorrow and a more resilient Missouri."

"The Community Development Block Grant program strengthens communities, as well as our state's economy," said Maggie Kost, Acting Director of the Department of Economic Development. "We're proud of the progress made using these funds and grateful for the support of our federal partners, as we help Missourians prosper."

About the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

CDBG programs are designed to support the well-being of Missouri communities and create greater capacity for growth, whether by addressing local health and safety concerns or improving local facilities, such as senior centers and community centers. Grants are available in a variety of categories and can be utilized for a variety of community development initiatives.

For questions or to learn more about the CDBG-CV program or other CDBG categories, visit ded.mo.gov/cdbg or contact **mocdbg@ded.mo.gov**.

CDBG-CV award recipients:

City of Bloomfield - Public Office Building Construction - The City will construct a new community center to address the unmet need for a safe location for citizens to meet. \$1,963,104.00

City of Caruthersville - Broadband Infrastructure Development - After COVID-19 exposed the lack of reliable high-speed internet, the City will ensure 100 percent of residents have access to fiber internet. \$1,996,399.00

City of Dexter - Wastewater Treatment Improvements - The City will build disinfection facilities to detect COVID-19 and E-coli that would help prepare for any future outbreak. \$1,440,313.00

City of Gallatin - Automated Metering Infrastructure - The City will construct automated metering equipment to protect staff and prevent interactions that could spread Covid-19. \$351,705.00

City of Holland - Community Facility Construction - The City will construct a community facility and offer services to residents, such as civic gatherings and blood drives, and better address the City's needs. \$766,945.00

City of Homestown - Community Center Construction - The City will build a new community center after a fire burned down its previous location that will host vaccine clinics, blood drives, and gather while practicing COVID-19 protocols. \$619,340.00

City of Jefferson - Cole County Emergency Medical Services Facility - Cole County EMS will expand its services and strengthen its preparedness and capacity to respond to COVID-19 and other emergencies. \$2,000,000.00

City of Jefferson - Transformational Housing - The City will create a rapid rehousing facility to help safeguard vulnerable populations against COVID-19. \$575,760.00

City of Kennett - Fire Station Construction - The City will construct a new fire station to better respond to COVID-19 and the rise of emergency call volume. \$1,755,700.00

City of Kirksville - 911 Emergency System Stabilization - The City will expand its current 911 call center and implement technology upgrades to better serve the community during emergencies. \$627,103.00

City of La Plata - Supplement Funding for La Plata's Street Improvements - The City will complete its street improvement project. \$220,279.00

City of LaPlata - Electronic Metering Improvements - The City will construct automated metering equipment to protect staff and prevent interactions that could spread COVID-19. \$167,333.00

City of Lexington - Police Department Covid-19 Counter Measures - The City will implement HVAC improvements to its police department to help stop the spread of COVID-19 among police officers, first responders, etc. \$132,813.00

City of Lexington - Fire Department and EMS Covid-19 Counter Measures - The City will implement HVAC improvements to its fire department and EMS facility to help stop the spread of COVID-19 amongst firefighting staff, EMS providers, etc. \$185,937.00

City of Lexington - Wastewater Treatment Plant Covid-19 Counter Measures - The City will implement HVAC improvements to its wastewater treatment facility to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and detect it in wastewater. \$427,133.00

City of Licking - Texas County Memorial Hospital Emergency Response Site - The City will create a new emergency health care response site so that residents have access to nearby health care services. \$1,690,000.00

City of Macon - Macon Broadband Accessibility Wi-Fi Park - After COVID-19 exposed the lack of reliable high-speed internet, the City will create a public WiFi park. \$1,370,000.00

City of Madison - Electronic Metering Improvements - The City will construct automated metering equipment to protect staff and prevent interactions that could spread COVID-19. \$119,317.00

City of Malden - Community Center Renovation - The City will make renovations and make the community center more effective, useful, and adequate to allow for social distancing and other COVID-19 guidelines. \$1,427,038.00

City of Moline Acres - Community Center Construction - The City will construct a community facility to meet the need for a public facility along a public transportation route. \$1,089,500.00

City of Morehouse - Community Center Construction - The City will construct a new community center to have a place to gather while following COVID-19 protocols. \$594,540.00

City of Parnell - Water Distribution System Improvements - The City will make repairs to its water tower and distribution system to alleviate the health and security risks the city is currently facing. \$667,788.00

City of Perry - Multi-purpose Building Construction - The City will construct a multi-purpose facility to create a space to gather while practicing social distancing and other CDC COVID-19 guidelines. \$1,162,700.00

City of Puxico - Broadband Infrastructure Development - After COVID-19 exposed the lack of reliable high-speed internet, the City will ensure 100 percent of residents have access to fiber internet. \$748,400.00

City of Risco - Broadband Infrastructure Development - After COVID-19 exposed the lack of reliable high-speed internet, the City will ensure 100 percent of residents have access to fiber internet. \$540,298.00

City of Sikeston - Homeless Shelter Construction - The City will construct a new homeless shelter. \$1,991,450.00

City of Steele - Steele Head Start Facility - The City will construct a new Head Start facility designed to minimize the health and safety risks from COVID-19 and other diseases. \$1,655,000.00

City of Vandalia - Electronic Meter Reading Improvements - The City will construct automated metering equipment to protect staff and prevent interactions that could spread COVID-19. \$463,853.00

County of Carter - Carter County Nutrition Center Renovations - The County will make renovations to better serve citizens' using its nutrition center, which has seen a record number of users since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. \$363,619.00

County of Dunklin - Broadband Infrastructure Development - After COVID-19 exposed the lack of reliable high-speed internet, the County will ensure 90 percent of residents would have access to fiber internet. \$1,996,400.00

County of Macon - Public Water Supply District #1 Improvements - The County will construct a new water tower and distribution system upgrades to address the need for safe and reliable drinking water for two communities. \$1,719,800.00

County of Marion - Douglass Community Services Facility Improvements - The County will make renovations and upgrades to their Douglas Community Services facility to better serve their users. \$2,000,000.00

County of Pike - Public Water Supply District #1 Improvements - The County will upgrade its water distribution system to better meet its needs. \$734,000.00

County of Ripley - Public Water Supply District #1 Improvements - The County will upgrade its water distribution system to better meet its needs. \$426,208.00

County of Ripley - Public Water Supply District #2 Improvements - The County will upgrade its water distribution system to better meet its needs. \$927,071.00

County of Ripley - Ripley County Jail Improvements - The County will complete construction of its jail facility and install needed equipment. \$531,933.00

County of St. Francois - St. Francois County Behavioral Health Care Project - The County will create a single location mental health service for those in need of behavioral health services in southeast Missouri. \$2,000,000.00

County of Stoddard - Broadband Infrastructure Development - After COVID-19 exposed the lack of reliable high-speed internet, the County will ensure 95 percent of residents who are underserved will have access to reliable broadband internet. \$1,996,400.00

County of Wayne - Wayne County Nutrition Center Renovations - The County will make renovations to better serve citizens' using its nutrition center, which has seen a record number of users since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. \$198,428.00

County of Wayne - Broadband Infrastructure Development - After COVID-19 exposed the lack of reliable high-speed internet, the County will ensure residents have access to fiber internet. \$971,999.00

State of Missouri - MACOG Broadband Planning - MACOG will develop broadband modeling and engineering feasibility plans throughout the state. \$613,750.00

Total

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Wappapello, MO - In honor of the late Josh Monroe, the family would like to pay forward the love and the blessings they received during that tragic time of their lives to other families that have experienced trauma.

It is their hope that mental wellness will be an important healing process with love offerings to help families with their needs during traumatic times or are battling mental illness.

Josh was a fine musician, and he and his wife Stephanie met and created their relationship because of music.

So, a music festival seems the perfect way to help those in need as we pay tribute to Josh's legacy.

Music heals, and it's their hope this charity will honor Josh and help mend the hearts and minds of those that experience the unfortunate.

Where words fail, music speaks.

MUSIC FOR THE MIND FESTIVAL AUGUST 19-20TH 2022 To get tickets click HERE.

If you can't attend, but would like to donate please click HERE.

Presented by Tom Nunnelee Family, The Ed Nunnelee Memorial Charitable Trust, Holden Communities LLC., Legacy Companies, National Title & Escrow, Burchard & Associates, Inc., Hair Lingo, & Young Real Estate LLC.

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Eastbound U.S. 60 in Stoddard County will be reduced as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform shoulder repairs.

This section of roadway is located from County Road 641 to Cole Street near Birch Tree, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will take place Thursday, June 9 from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The work zone will be marked with signs.? Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's?Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT

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Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations like Dexter R-XI School District to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer.

Any child between the ages of 1 - 18 may eat free during the Summer School Program dates of June 1st - June 28th.

Breakfast will be served between 7:15 a.m - 8:00 a.m. and lunch will be served 10:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at Central Elementary, Southwest Elementary and Dexter High School.

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Visitors and residents will be out in full force along Route 25 Memorial Day weekend in search of bargains at the 100-Mile Yard Sale, but MoDOT wants you to remember the greatest savings of the event could be a life.

"It's a fun weekend that people look forward to each year," says Traffic Engineer Craig Compas, "but we want people to remember that there's more traffic and more congestion along Route 25 this weekend than any other and drivers need to keep that in mind."

MoDOT will do its part to bring the safety message to the forefront. Message boards will be in place along the route to alert drivers of the unusual traffic patterns and promote safe driving.

"We really want drivers to be alert—to be aware of their surroundings, to be aware of sudden stops and to look for pedestrian traffic," Compas says. "Additionally, there is an increase in traffic, including large truck traffic, between the City of Jackson and the Route AB in Cape Girardeau County due to the Diverging Diamond Interchange construction. While we want everyone to enjoy themselves, we ask that people also be as safe as possible."

For more information, contact Compas at (573) 472-5310 or call MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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