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MISSOURI COMMUNITY NEWS

DED Issues Call for Proposals for CDBG Disaster Assistance Funding



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) is requesting proposals for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in areas of the state affected by weather-related disasters during

2008. Eligible applicants are units of local government (cities and counties) located in an area receiving a presidential disaster declaration in 2008. Proposals for funding must be submitted to DED and postmarked no later than September 4. [Read more...](#)

DED Seeks Public Review and Comment on CDBG Supplemental Disaster Appropriation Plan

The Department of Economic Development (DED) has posted the action plan for its [CDBG Supplemental Disaster Appropriation](#) for public review and comment. The public comment period will end at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 4.

Comments and questions may be directed to [Andy Papen](#), CDBG Program Manager. DED announced a Request for Proposals for this funding on August 12, with a due date of September 4. Missouri is receiving a CDBG Disaster Supplemental Appropriation of \$92,605,490 in response to the flooding and other weather-related events in 2008. Eligible areas, eligible activities and the state's method of distribution of the funding are detailed in the plan.



9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance Campaign



Citizens, high schools and community groups, plus disaster response organizations and personnel throughout Missouri, are encouraged to play a part in the "9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance" campaign, September 11, on the south lawn of the Missouri State Capitol. The event, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC), in conjunction with several other

service agencies, veterans and other local organizations, will honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001, as well as pay homage to the heroes who protect us each day. [Read more...](#)

2009 MEDFA Annual Conference: October 8 - 9

The 2009 Missouri Economic Development Financing Association (MEDFA) Annual Conference will be held October 8-9 at the Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa in Riverside, Mo. This year's conference is designed to continue MEDFA's mission to educate those involved in economic development across the state and to promote the responsible use of the financing tools that are essential to economic growth. [Read more...](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

June, July, August

[Outstanding Missouri Women Traveling History Exhibit](#) at [Arrow Rock State Historic Site](#)

Missouri Partnership Events: Sept. - Nov. 2009
[Schedule of Missouri Partnership Marketing Events](#)

September 1, 2009

[KC Animal Health Investment Forum](#)

September 9, 2009

[Missouri Women's Council Board Meeting](#)

12 Noon

Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis (during Governor's Conference)

September 9 - 11, 2009

[Governor's Conference on Economic Development](#)

September 10, 2009

[5th Annual Community Resource Fair](#)

Hand in Hand: Working with Children and Families

September 10 - 11, 2009

Two St. Louis Schools Receive High Rankings



McKinley/Classical Jr. Academy and Metro High School, both of St. Louis, have been ranked No. 1 in their respective categories in the list of America's Top Public Schools published by NeighborhoodScout.com. McKinley was named No. 1 in the Midwest's Top 5 Public Middle Schools, and Metro High was named No. 1 in the Midwest's Top 5 Public High Schools. [Read](#)

[more...](#)

\$1.3M in Grants for Danforth Center

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center has received three grants totaling \$1.3 million from the National Science Foundation and the Consortium of Plant Biotechnology Research. A \$550,000 stimulus grant will support biofuel research, specifically the regulation of plant metabolism. The other two grants, worth \$771,000 were awarded to Dilip Shah, an associate researcher who studies diseases related to fungal pathogens. [Read more...](#)



Three High-Level Leaders Highlight 2009 IEDC Annual Conference



Three prominent keynote speakers will give advice on how to overcome the harsh economic challenges that economic developers are facing today. [Register today](#) for the world's largest gathering of economic developers to gain tips from influential speakers that will benefit your community in this time of economic crisis. The 2009 IEDC Annual Conference: "Renewable Communities – Leveraging Your Competitive Resources," will be held October 4-7, at the Silver Legacy Resort

Casino in Reno, Nev. [Read more...](#)

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Pre-Conference Training Sessions offered at the Governor's Conference



On Wednesday, September 9, just prior to the official opening of the 2009 Governor's Conference on Economic Development, several pre-conference workshops are being offered. They include: Certified Sites; Economic Development 101; Best Practices with WorkKeys and the Missouri CRC; 2010 EPA Brownfields Grant Opportunities; How to Make Informed Decisions in Tough Economic Times; Understanding Regions; and LocationOne. Check out the details at the [Governor's Conference Web site](#). Don't forget about the Downtown Walking Tour, too!

DED Releases July 2009 State Jobs Report

Labor market conditions in Missouri leveled off in July, as the state unemployment rate remained unchanged on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to data released last week by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). [Read more...](#)



Missouri LocationOne Update



The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) is excited to announce a new way to locate properties through Missouri LocationOne, a real-time, online economic development site selection engine. LocationOne currently allows users to search for available properties by a locality, county, MSA or state. Users will now also have the ability to search for properties in a specific region of the state. The Web site was designed for economic development organizations to publish up-to-date information about their communities, as well as their available sites and buildings. If you have any questions or comments about Missouri LocationOne, please contact DED at [Missouri Sites](#). To access the regional map and property data, go to [Missouri LocationOne](#).

[IEDC Training Course: Managing Economic Development Organizations](#)

[September 17 - 18, 2009 "Economic Development Marketing and Attraction"](#)

[September 22 - 23, 2009 Canada's Oil Sands Trade Show and Conference](#)

[October 4 - 7, 2009 IEDC Annual Conference: Renewable Communities - Leveraging Your Competitive Resources](#)

[October 4 - 7, 2009 AFCOM Data Center World® Conference](#)

[October 6 - 9, 2009 BioJapan 2009 World Business Forum](#)

[October 8 - 9, 2009 Missouri Economic Development Financing Association \(MEDFA\) Annual Conference](#)

[October 12 - 14, 2009 CoreNet Global Fall Summit](#)

[October 13 - 17, 2009 Greater KC Chamber of Commerce Partnership Mission to Vancouver](#)

[October 18 - 19, 2009 46th Annual MCB Conference Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City](#)

[October 21 - 24, 2009 Taiwan International Green Industry Show \(TiGiS\) 2009](#)

[October 22 - 23, 2009 AIM's 2009 Missouri Tax Conference](#)

[November 3 - 4, 2009 China Overseas Investment Fair \(COIF\) 2009](#)

Nanotechnology Consortium Looks to Boost Missouri's Economy

The newly formed NanoTechnology Enterprise Consortium (NTEC) has been launched to bring the breakthroughs of academia to market, utilizing the development capabilities of Missouri industries, along with federal and state funding. Missouri companies interested in learning more are invited to attend the nanotechnology symposium, "Missouri Nano Frontiers," to be held in the Christopher Bond Life Sciences Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus on November 18. [Read more...](#)



Nation's Largest Cement Plant Opens in Missouri

Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri is now home to the largest cement plant in the nation. Holcim Inc. opened the \$1 billion plant last week, with the ability to produce more than 12,000 metric tons of cement per day and 4 million metric tons each year. The new facility also includes a harbor and fleeting facility on the Mississippi River, with some of the largest silos ever built. [Read more...](#)



Three Counties Rank High Nationally in Housing Unit Growth



Stone, Taney and Christian counties ranked in the top 100 nationally for the highest growth rate for housing units. Stone County had the highest growth rate in Missouri with a 3.9 percent increase in housing units, adding 700 units in 2008; Taney County followed with a 3.1 percent growth rate and Christian county was third with a 2.8 percent increase. [Read more...](#)

Personal Income Data For Metropolitan Areas Released

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis recently released personal income data for metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) for 2008. The average increase for MSA personal income was 3.3 percent from 2007 to 2008. The St. Louis MO-IL MSA had a personal income increase of 5.6 percent, while Joplin closely followed with a 5.5 percent increase. [Read more...](#)



DED Awards \$300,000 in CDBG Community Facility Funding to Madison County

Madison County will have a new facility to house the Madison County Sheltered Workshop, thanks to \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) community facility funding from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). [Read more...](#)



St. Louis County Youth Experiences Chronicled in New Book

The exciting and moving story of 13 St. Louis County teens, who spent their summer working at the Lakeside Center as part of the Next-Generation Jobs Team program (NGJT), has been captured in a recently-published book. The program at the Lakeside Center teaches transferable workforce



Business Spotlight: Newsy.com, DED and MTC Partner on Model Economic Collaboration

Newsy.com, a partnership with the University of Missouri, the city of Columbia, the state of Missouri and private investors, has built a fully converged, digital, global newsroom within walking distance of the University of Missouri. Its first product monitors, synthesizes and presents the world's news

[Trade Show Commitment Form](#)

Register by August 28!

November 4 - 6, 2009
[2009 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference: Protecting the Irreplaceable](#)

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DED Awards NAP Tax Credits to Central Missouri Food Bank

The Central Missouri Food Bank Network, Inc., Columbia, will utilize \$250,000 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits approved by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) to acquire and distribute at least 24 million pounds of food, free of charge, to people in need through food pantries and elementary schools in a 32-county service area. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards NSP Funding to Seven Missouri Communities

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) has announced that seven Missouri communities have been approved for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program totaling \$11,125,047. The awards will assist the communities in addressing foreclosed homes and will specifically address persons at or below 50 percent of median household income. [Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$127,836 in Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credits to Springfield Organization

Water Street Development, LLC, Springfield, has been approved for up to \$127,836 in remediation tax credits by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for the redevelopment of the property located at 213 West Olive, Springfield.

skills, such as leadership, teamwork, planning, basic business and marketing skills. By interacting with nature in an outdoor working environment, Lakeside youth also learned about the elements of photography and gained a heightened sense of awareness of the scientific living world and environmental responsibility. The youth documented their work experiences in "The Mean Green Book," which is on sale for \$20 for one or \$15 for 20 or more. All proceeds go toward a special fund for NGJT participants. For more information, or to purchase a book, contact Janice Jones, Summer Youth Program Coordinator with the [St. Louis County Division of Workforce Development](#) at (314) 679-3365.

Southeast Workforce Report Tracks Increase in Services from Layoffs

The [Workforce Investment Board of Southeast Missouri](#) recently published its "[State of Business Informational Brief](#)," which covers the final quarter of the program year (PY) 2008 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009). The report documented a sharp increase in [Rapid Response](#) activity, which follows layoff announcements. In PY2008, southeast Missouri businesses experienced 20 layoff events, with 1,330 workers separated from their jobs. By comparison, there were 13 layoff events in all of PY2007, with 694 worker separations. After each of these layoffs, state and local rapid response

coverage in a way that will soon be viewed by the world. DED Director Linda Martínez said, "Innovators such as Jim Spencer are creating the jobs of the future here in Missouri, and their businesses are the foundation of our economy. Newsy.com is a trailblazer that we hope will pave the way to that economic recovery." [Read more...](#)

Mediomics Wins Spirit of St. Louis Award

The Mayor's Spirit of St. Louis award recognizes businesses that make major expansions or improvements to their existing locations, open or relocate to the city, or are a certain major city project. Biotechnology firm Mediomics won the Spirit of St. Louis award from Mayor Francis Slay last week. [Read more...](#)

Recovery Act Expands SBA Microloan Program

New Intermediaries Will Provide Greater Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs
With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding an additional \$50 million for loans and \$24 million for technical assistance, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is expanding its Microloan program and increasing access to capital for small businesses across the country. [Read more...](#)

Obama Administration Announces Efforts to Increase Access to Contracting Opportunities for Minority-Owned, Small Businesses

The Obama administration reaffirmed last week its commitment to ensuring

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[Missouri Partnership](#)

[Missouri Main Street Connection](#)

[Missouri Arts Council](#)

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The remediation tax credits will facilitate the redevelopment of this property into a retail and residential complex.

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DED Awards \$287,725 in CDBG Community Facility Funding to DREAM Community West Plains

DREAM community West Plains will construct a new homeless shelter on behalf of the Samaritan Outreach Center, utilizing \$287,725 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) community facility funding by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED).

[Read more...](#)

DED Awards \$300,000 in CDBG Community Facility Funding to Higginsville

The city of Higginsville has been approved for \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding by the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) that will be utilized for the construction of a new facility for the Bright Futures Early Childhood Development Center.

[Read more...](#)

coordinators meet with the business to set up meetings with affected workers to share available dislocated worker and other career assistance services. The report also includes information on Micro Enterprise Grants that were awarded to nine new businesses in the Southeast Region to encourage job creation and economic growth.

that minority-owned and small businesses, including women- and veteran-owned businesses, have greater access to federal government contracting opportunities. Federal officials will participate in more than 200 procurement events across the country to share information on government contracting opportunities, including those available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. [Read more...](#)



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GLOBAL NEWS

Millipore Acquires England's BioAnaLab



Millipore Corp., which has operations in St. Charles, Mo., has acquired Oxford, England-based BioAnaLab, a drug analysis firm that specializes in analyzing biologic drugs and vaccines. BioAnaLab's Oxford facility will complement Millipore's existing facility for large molecule bioanalytical services in St. Charles. [Read more...](#)

Canada's Oil Sands Trade Show – Sept. 22-23

The Oil Sands Trade Show is a major exposition where representatives of Canada's heavy oil sector go to seek new products and services for Canada's oil sands. Over 700 exhibitors and some 10,000 industry representatives will be in attendance. There is no better venue, or more cost effective



means for U.S. small and medium-sized firms to gain valuable market exposure in Canada's heavy oil market than by participating in the U.S. Product Literature Center, organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce at the Oil Sands Trade Show & Conference 2009, in Edmonton, Canada, September 22- 23. [Read more...](#)

Home Sales Increase in July



The National Association of Realtors released figures last week that show home sales skyrocketing in July by the largest monthly increase in 10 years, attributed partially to first-time homebuyers taking advantage of the tax credit that expires this fall. The U.S. housing market rose 7.2 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted rate of 5.24 million in sales. [Read more...](#)

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