



## News Release

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### **Department of Economic Development awards \$12,000 Community Development Block Grant to Kirksville**

KIRKSVILLE — The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) today announced that the city of Kirksville has been approved for a \$12,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The grant will be utilized to complete a \$12,000 historic resource survey plan.

Kirksville is a Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) community.

The city of Kirksville is in the initial stages of developing a local preservation program. A preservation ordinance establishing a preservation commission will soon be considered by the city council and city officials are working to become a Certified Local Government. As part of these efforts, the city and preservation community are developing long and short-term goals for preservation efforts.

The plan will be the basis for future preservation planning. It will be used by the city and historic preservation commission to set priorities for targeting preservation efforts and funding, including planning for future grant applications.

The CDBG program, administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, provides grants and loan funds to cities with a population under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 to assist in a variety of public works and economic development projects.

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