



## News now! Neosho named DREAM community

— NEOSHO, Mo. — Gov. Matt Blunt announced on Tuesday that Neosho is one of 10 Missouri cities selected for initial assistance in a new program offering streamlined state assistance in downtown revitalization.

Neosho was chosen from a field of 98 communities that applied to the governor's Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri Initiative program. The other cities chosen were St. Joseph, Excelsior Springs, Sedalia, Cape Girardeau, West Plains, Hannibal, Hermann, Washington and Kennett.

The selection of the DREAM communities was announced at the governor's conference in St. Louis, which was attended by Neosho Mayor Jeff Werneke, City Manager Jan Blase and Gib Garrow, economic development director for the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce.

The DREAM designation means that for three years the named communities will be granted streamlined access to state programs offering financial and technical assistance on improvements to downtown infrastructure, historic preservation, affordable housing, community services, business development and jobs creation.

For more on this story see Wednesday's Globe.

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