

KC Council OKs Modesa funding for downtown district

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On Thursday, the Kansas City Council unanimously approved a state funding request for a proposed downtown entertainment district through the Missouri Downtown and Rural Economic Stimulus Act.

City Councilman Troy Nash said he and Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes spoke in favor of the measure. The act, better known as Modesa, diverts state taxes generated by a project to offset the cost of public improvements such as parking garages.

Barnes led a two-year lobbying campaign for Modesa, which became law in 2003. Kansas City's application will be the first in the state for Modesa funding.

The city's funding request now will go to the Missouri Development Finance Board, whose next meeting is July 20 in Jefferson City.