

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Obviously, Senator Schmit, that is determined by essentially how much money we might decide to put in here. At this point, if you take a look at what we've been able to do with the initial half of the initial program we have before us ten programs, spread across the state in relatively small amounts, and I can't tell you because we simply don't have that good a data right now. But by putting in another 160,000 this year, I think that opens up the opportunity for a lot more communities to go out and leverage more resources at their own local level, they can make a big difference. Whether we will ever actually be able to measure that at this point, until we get this evaluation component into place, I can't tell you that. That's why we desperately need this evaluation component.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Scofield. I appreciate your dedication and your interest, Senator Scofield. I just...I am concerned somewhat, as I have said earlier, that we frequently begin these programs, and I've had my name on my share and will continue, I suppose, to add my name to some and to advocate some. But I'm really concerned that you wouldn't think we were in a drought right now, you wouldn't think we were in some financial situations that may prove to be embarrassing, if not down right impossible in future years. And the modest amount of money which you are requesting here today is, of course, not really a problem. What does become a problem is if this program grows, as it will grow to 8, or 10, or 20, or 30 times what it is today, and maybe because there is a justifiable need out there. But I wonder then if there is going to be any chance to get rid of something if we institute a program such as this which does work. Do you envision this to replace any existing program, or is it just an additional program to fill a need which I am sure you and I would agree is probably there?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I'm sorry, Senator Schmit. Would you ask me that again.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes. Do you envision this program as replacing something which is now in existence, or is it just an additional program?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: No, it is not. In fact the grant mechanism is there with the evaluation component. As I mentioned earlier,...