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OVER \$1.1 MILLION AWARDED FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA THROUGH AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

DAVIS, Calif., July 9, 2009 — Twenty-eight community facilities projects in rural California have been awarded over \$1.1 million in funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These projects are part of an announcement made by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack for 345 community facilities projects in 33 states to receive nearly \$66.4 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

"Communities throughout the country are benefiting from the Recovery Act, and by building or upgrading facilities such as libraries, public buildings and community centers, we are investing in the future of rural America," Vilsack said. "These projects will advance the Administration's efforts to jumpstart the economy by creating jobs and economic development opportunities in hundreds of small towns."

For example, the Hoopa Valley Tribe in Humboldt County received a \$20,775 grant to help purchase a truck for the tribe's food distribution program. Currently, the tribe's food distribution program uses a 15-year-old, 24-foot refrigerated Freightliner truck for deliveries, and staff members also use personal vehicles to help make deliveries. The new, smaller vehicle will be more reliable for deliveries to existing clients, as well as enable the tribe to increase the number of clients served. The food distribution program has been in operation since 1983 and has grown to help nearly 1,200 clients a month.

In Imperial County, Clinicas De Salud Del Pueblo, Inc. received a \$29,625 grant to help purchase new medical equipment including that necessary to utilize telemedicine technology at their West Shores Clinic. The telemedicine equipment will allow the clinic to send and receive video and images for real time communication and consultation to a network of specialty providers throughout California. The new telemedicine services will provide the rural community with access to advanced medical services without requiring patients to travel long distances to obtain care.

Other California projects announced include:

- California Valley Community Services District, San Luis Obispo County - \$36,700 grant to purchase a garbage truck
- City of Arvin, Kern County - \$50,000 grant for an emergency surveillance system
- City of Bishop, Inyo County - \$38,250 grant for a K-9 unit and police vehicle
- City of Guadalupe, Santa Barbara County - \$9,710 grant for police equipment
- City of Livingston, Merced County - \$12,045 grant for fire protection equipment
- City of Maricopa, Kern County - \$36,000 grant to purchase a community vehicle
- City of Maricopa, Kern County - \$60,000 grant to purchase a police vehicle, radar trailer and school crossing signals
- City of Taft, Kern County - \$77,000 grant to purchase security cameras

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- Clinicas De Salud Del Pueblo, Inc. Niland Clinic, Imperial County - \$30,000 grant to purchase medical and security equipment
- Clinicas De Salud Del Pueblo, Inc. Winterhaven Clinic, Imperial County - \$30,000 grant to purchase equipment and a vehicle to transport patients
- Cloverdale Fire Protection District, Sonoma County - \$89,081 grant to purchase fire protection equipment
- Cloverdale Police Department, Sonoma County - \$45,732 grant to purchase a police vehicle and equipment
- Fort Jones Volunteer Fire Department, Siskiyou County - \$9,948 grant to purchase turnouts and other fire protection equipment
- Friends of the Round Valley Public Library, Mendocino County - \$100,000 grant to purchase equipment and furnishings for the library
- Imperial County Fire Department Station 2 - \$6,750 grant to purchase thermal imaging camera for Heber station
- Imperial County Fire Department Station 3 - \$4,950 grant to purchase thermal imaging camera for Seeley station
- Imperial County Fire Department Station 5 - \$6,750 grant to purchase thermal imaging camera for Palo Verde station
- Little Lake Grange, Mendocino County - \$70,647 grant to purchase equipment for commercial grade kitchen
- McCloud Volunteer Fire Department, Siskiyou County - \$6,930 grant to purchase fire equipment
- McFarland Unified School District, Kern County - \$29,700 grant to purchase security cameras
- Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc., Mendocino County - \$59,216 grant to purchase medical and office equipment
- Mendocino Coast District Hospital, Mendocino County - \$55,000 grant to purchase a mammography unit
- Mendocino Community Health Clinic, Mendocino County - \$50,000 grant to purchase medical and office equipment for Hillside Clinic
- Mendocino Community Health Clinic, Mendocino County - \$50,000 grant to purchase medical and office equipment for Lakeside Health Center
- River to Coast Children's Services, Sonoma County - \$21,292 grant to purchase computer equipment
- Sierra County - \$80,000 grant to build an ambulance shed in Alleghany

USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include childcare centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations and recognized Indian tribes. Further information is available at one of California's 18 local USDA Rural Development offices or by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ca>.

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