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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$29,700 GRANT TO THE CITY OF MACON FOR SIRENS

In a mock check ceremony on April 13, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$29,700 to the City of Macon. Funds were used to purchase three new early storm warning siren systems, update the existing sirens and interconnect all units. All sirens were located in Macon, Missouri a community of 5,538 residents. The assistance consists of a Community Facilities Grant of \$29,700 from USDA, Rural Development. Additionally, the City of Macon provided \$24,300 toward the total cost of \$54,000.

“The City of Macon was able to purchase three much needed storm sirens to provide complete coverage of our community in times of adverse weather conditions. This project has a major impact on the community by providing early warning capability to our citizens. The grant obtained from the USDA made this project a reality. Without the USDA’s help and support this project would still be several years away from being a possibility. Assistance like this is more than just the revenue to complete a project it could be the difference between life and death”, stated Macon City Administrator Allan Muncy.

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing essential equipment for the city,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this



Jim Stevenson, City Council; Linda Farmer, City Council; LeRoy Noble, Fire Chief; Allan Muncy, City Administrator; Vicky McLelan, City Clerk; Janie Dunning, USDA Rural Development, State Director; Steven Gerrish, USDA Rural Development, Area Specialist; Sherry Muncy; Dale Bagley, City of Macon Mayor; Rande S. Bryan, USDA Rural Development, Area Manager; Sharon Scott, Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce

project a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects.”

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Moberly Office at 2995 County Road 1325, Moberly, MO 65270 or by calling (660) 263-7400 - ext 4.

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