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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS GRANT TO THE CITY OF ELSBERRY

Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, USDA Rural Development, Farmington, MO, presented the City of Elsberry with a \$8,250 Mock Check on Thursday, December 7, 2006. The grant funds will be used for the preparation of a preliminary engineering report which is needed prior to developing an application for funding for an upgrade to the current wastewater system.

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development said, "Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors Presidents Bush's initiatives for rural America and Rural Development's commitment to the future of rural communities. He added, "Appreciation is also extended to U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Todd Akin for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents of providing essential services to rural Missourians."

Mayor Carla Potts said, "Funding like this is vitally important for a community like Elsberry in proactively meeting the growing needs of their rural community."

Anyone interested in obtaining assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Ed Reed, Rural Development Manager, at the Troy Local Office of USDA Rural Development at 114 Frenchman Bluff Road, Troy, MO 63379-2019 or by calling 636-528-7046.



(Left to Right) William Taylor, Alderman, Ward 2, Carla Potts, Mayor, City of Elsberry, Vicki Myers, Rural Development Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Troy, MO, Terry A. Luetkemeyer, Area Director, USDA, Rural Development, Farmington, MO, Ed Reed, Rural Development Manager, USDA, Rural Development, Troy, MO, Matt Munzlinger, MECO Engineering

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