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GRAND RIVER EMERGENCY SERVICES AMBULANCE FUNDED BY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Grand River Emergency Services on October 5, 2010.

The certificate was presented in recognition of Grand River Emergency Services and their efforts to utilize American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funds to stimulate the economy by purchasing an ambulance to serve the citizens of Gentry County as well as citizens in parts of Andrew, Dekalb, and Harrison Counties. The \$18,000 grant is being used to purchase and equip an ambulance to replace an older model ambulance that is no longer reliable. Grand River Emergency Services is contributing \$102,000 toward the purchase of the new ambulance.

"I am pleased to hear that Grand River Emergency Services is receiving crucial funds to help purchase an ambulance," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "Ensuring that Missourians have access to emergency medical services is essential to the health and well-being of its citizens."

The \$18,000 in grant funds was made through USDA Rural Development's Community Facility Program. This program is available to eligible public bodies and non-profit corporations to assist with the development of essential community facilities.



Pictured front row left to right: Janie Dunning, Rural Development Missouri State Director; Barb Shupe, Ambulance District Administrator; Melissa Jackson, Ambulance District Representative; Jeremy Brady, Rural Development Area Specialist; Brooke Balentine, Field Representative for Senator Claire McCaskill; Back row left to right: Levi Law, Ambulance District Representative; Jack Cherry, Ambulance District Board Member; Ed Angle, Ambulance District Representative; Joe Hayes, Ambulance District Representative; Joyce Bottorff, Ambulance District Board Member; Gary Carlson, Ambulance District Board President; Lisa Stegman, Ambulance District Representative; Alice Shaw, Ambulance District Representative

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“This type of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Obama’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” said Dunning. “Appreciation is extended to our federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Jeremy Brady, Area Specialist, at the Maryville office of USDA Rural Development at 502 W. South Hills Drive, Suite 103, Maryville, Missouri 64468 or by calling 660-582-7421 (extension 4).