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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$600,000 TO CITY OF HARTVILLE

Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development presented a mock check in the amount of \$600,000 to the City of Hartville on Tuesday, November 12. The Rural Development loan funds will be used to replace and renovate existing water storage tanks and improve water lines for the city.

“I commend the efforts of the city and community leaders who worked to secure these funds,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “A safe and dependable water supply is essential to meeting the health, safety and economic needs of those living in the Hartville area and I am pleased that existing water storage tanks and lines will be renovated and replaced with these funds.”

“Every citizen deserves clean, safe water and all Missouri communities deserve up-to-date water systems,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I am pleased that Hartville will now have the funds to improve their current water storage tanks and make the community a healthier place for Missouri families.”

“Water infrastructure is one of the most expensive investments to make in our rural communities and the assistance of an entity like USDA Rural Development can be essential to getting the job done. I am very glad to see them involved in the Hartville project. This is a community very dedicated to infrastructure for area residents,” said U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson.



Left to Right: Darren Lingle, Field Representative for U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson; Mark Hultgren, Area 5 Director, USDA Rural Development; Hollie Elliott, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Kit Bond; Richard Padfield, City Councilman; Wanda Cope, Mayor, City of Hartville; Jeff Kormann, Missouri Dept. of Economic Development, CDBG; Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA, Rural Development; Jack Lawler, City Councilman; David Rauch, District Director for U. S. Senator Claire McCaskill; Duane Ottmar, Engineer for city; Theresa Lewis Gregory, Consulting & Grant Services; Mark Dethrow, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development; Garry Fullington, City Employee

Mayor Wanda Cope said, “I would like to thank USDA Rural Development for this loan which is an investment in the quality of our water system for our residents so that we may continue to provide safe and dependable water supply in our community. I appreciate the hard work and cooperation of all the agencies and the funding we have received to make this project a reality.”

Dunning said, “Having an environmentally safe water system is important to the residents and I commend all the partners for their hard work in making this project a reality. This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Obama’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators Kit Bond and Claire McCaskill plus U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for making available federal monies for funding this kind of project providing essential services for rural Missouri.”

Anyone seeking more information about this or any other USDA Rural Development program may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Mark Dethrow, Area Specialist, at 6726 S. Hwy 63, Suite B, Houston, MO 65483 or by calling (417) 967-2028 extension 3 or by email to mark.dethrow@mo.usda.gov.

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