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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$94,460 FOR NEW POLICE CAR AND A DUMP TRUCK

Morris Westfall, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted amock check presentation on November 10, 2008, at the Dixon city hall. Progressive Outlook Corporation purchased a new police car, a dump truck and police equipment with the funds. USDA, Rural Development provided the funding through the Community Facility program. Progressive Outlook Corporation received a grant in the amount of \$70,840 and a loan in the amount of \$23,620 to fund the purchase of the equipment.

U.S. Senator Christopher Bond said, "It is critical that police officers in rural communities have the proper equipment they need to do their jobs. I applaud the USDA and the local leadership for investing in this vital equipment so public safety officials can better protect the citizens of the City of Dixon."

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "We must provide our first responders with the equipment they need to safely carry out their duties," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "I am pleased that this grant will allow the police of Dixon to better serve their community."

U.S. Representative Ike Skelton said, "As a former prosecuting attorney, I have worked through the years to ensure our law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to protect and to serve the American people. I congratulate Progressive Outlook Corporation on being selected to receive a USDA, Rural Development loan and grant to purchase police equipment and a police car. I am pleased that the funding will also cover the cost of a new dump truck. Through the loan and grant, these agencies will be able to work in a more effective and efficient manner."

Darrell French, President of Progressive Outlook Corporation, who was scheduled to be out of town and could not attend the event left a message saying, "He would like to thank everyone involved with helping to get the funding for this project. I also want to thank Progressive Outlook Corporation board members Karen Hardwick and Shelia Ellzey for all of their time and effort in support of this



From left to right: Cliff Yoakum, Dixon Police Chief, Karen Hardwick, Dixon City Clerk, Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Area Director, Shelia Ellzey, Dixon City Collector, Morris Westfall, Rural Development State Director, David Rauch, Senator Claire McCaskill's Aid, Melissa Richardson, Representative Ike Skelton's Aid, John Sheppard, Progressive Outlook Corp. Board Member, William Carter, Progressive Outlook Corp. Vice President, Jack Kearbey Rural Development Area Specialist.

project. And I also want to thank Mary Lou Richard and Jack Kearbey with Rural Development for their assistance with this project also.

Westfall, said “Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush’s initiatives for rural America and Rural Development’s commitment to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also 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 Jack O. Kearbey, Area Specialist, at the Rolla Sub-Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401 or by calling (573) 364-2088 Ext. 4.

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