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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES FUNDING TO SALINE COUNTY HEALTH FUND, INC.

In a mock check ceremony on July 13, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced that Saline Public Health Fund, Inc. has received a \$1,450,000 loan from the USDA, Rural Development Community Facilities Program. Loan funds will be used to purchase an existing building facility which will be leased to the Saline County Health Department for the delivery of healthcare services to County residents. The loan is financed for 40 years at 4.25% interest. The County Health Department serves 23,756 residents of Saline County, Missouri.



Pictured left to right: Lisa Thomas, Saline County Health Department Administrator; Russell Donnell, Saline County Health Department Assistant Administrator; Sara Kirchhoff, Secretary/Treasurer and Board Member; Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, USDA Rural Development MO State Director; Travis Zimmerman, Area III Specialist, USDA Rural Development; Cindy Eberting Hall, Regional Director, Office of U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill; and Kelly Gregory, Area III Director, USDA Rural Development.

“The need for local access to healthcare services in our rural communities is growing greater every day,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond. “As we work to expand community health centers across the state, I am pleased that the Saline County Health Department is working to better serve the more than 23,000 Missourians they care for and I congratulate those whose efforts made this announcement possible.”

“It’s essential that Saline County’s citizens have access to quality healthcare in their community,” said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. “This loan will help the Saline County Health Department to have the proper facilities to provide healthcare services that are so crucial to the county.”

“In rural Missouri, it is essential that quality medical services remain accessible to communities large and small. Since this loan will facilitate the Saline County Health Department’s plans to do just that, I am pleased to support it,” stated U.S. Representative Ike Skelton.

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing essential healthcare services,” 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 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 Clinton Area Office at 1306 North 2nd Street, Clinton, MO 64735 or by calling (660) 885-5567- ext 5.

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