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## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$7,425 GRANT TO THE VILLAGE OF RUSH HILL FOR A NEW SIREN**

In a mock check ceremony on April 15, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$7,425 to the Village of Rush Hill. Funds were used to purchase a new early storm warning siren system for Rush Hill, a community of 130 residents. The assistance consists of a Community Facilities Grant of \$7,425 from USDA, Rural Development. Additionally, the Village of Rush Hill provided \$6,075 toward the total cost of \$13,500 and Ameren UE participated in the project by donating and setting the siren pole.



Rande S. Bryan, USDA Rural Development - Area Director; Connie Rutherford, Chairperson; Cindy Hall, Representative for Senator Claire McCaskell; Janie Dunning, USDA Rural Development - State Director; Steven Gerrish - USDA Rural Development - Area Specialist; Helen LaRue - Clerk

“Today’s announcement demonstrates the important work that can be accomplished when the federal government works in cooperation with local leaders,” said Senator Kit Bond. “As a lifelong Missourian, I know firsthand just how unpredictable Missouri weather can be. The new siren that has been installed will go a long way in ensuring the safety of the residents of the Rush Hill community during times of inclement weather.”

Rush Hill Chairperson Connie Rutherford stated, “I believe our siren has been very beneficial to our village. Already this year it has warned us of a tornado three times. We have only had positive responses from our residents. I think everyone appreciates having it”.

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing essential equipment for the city,” 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 Moberly Office at 2995 County Road 1325, Moberly, MO 65270 or by calling (660) 263-7400 - ext 4.

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