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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$29,300.00 LOAN & GRANT FUNDS TO OTTERTVILLE BETTERMENT SOCIETY

Greg C. Branum, Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, announced funding of \$29,300.00 to the Otterville Betterment Society. Rural Development made a community facility loan for \$18,000.00 and a community facility grant of \$11,300.00. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to lease to the City of Otterville. A mock check representing the funding was presented to the Otterville Betterment Society during a celebration held February 14th at the Otterville Fire Station.



“Today’s announcement is great news for this community. This new equipment will provide a needed service to Otterville residents,” said Senator Kit Bond. “I will continue to work with the USDA Rural Development and local leaders in our efforts to improve the quality of life for families in Missouri communities.”

Congressman Sam Graves said “As a farmer and member of the House Agriculture Committee, I know the importance of these dollars to rural Missouri. My office has worked closely with the USDA Rural Development on this project and I congratulate the recipients. I am proud to have supported the important work of the USDA and I look forward to partnering on many more projects to benefit Northwest Missourians.

Gregory C. Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, said, “USDA is happy to be able to assist the society with the purchase of this equipment,” Other officials attending from USDA were Jan Bonnes, Rural Development Manager, Columbia.

Representing the Otterville Betterment Society were Mayor Janet Gant, Board Members James Zumsteg, Jack Deushle, Ronald Dowdy, John Meyer and Traci Castle.

For more information on USDA Rural Development programs, you may visit the web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo or contact the local office at 601 business loop 70 West, Parkade Plaza, Suite 213 E, Columbia, Mo. 65203 or calling 573-875-5540 ext. 4.

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