

Message from the State Director



Dear Nebraskans,
 Nebraska's communities, homeowners, and businesses have benefited from \$209.2 million in USDA Rural Development funds in 2009. We are working towards another record breaking year in 2010, with even more Rural Development dollars and projects moving into rural areas of our state. The dollars we invest in rural Nebraska create jobs, build infrastructure and help to keep our rural communities as places where the youth want to stay and where others want to move.

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NEBRASKA STATE DIRECTOR
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Guaranteed and Direct Housing Loan Success Story...

Pappas Addition Partnership-Gering



The Ybarra-Mendez family purchased a Magnolia Home via the Rural Development Guaranteed Housing program.

Twin Cities Development (TCD) purchased 13 vacant lots in the Pappas Addition of Gering. Six of the lots were sold to Magnolia Homes via a loan from the City of Gering with the plan of erecting new homes on the sites and then selling them as turn key single family units.

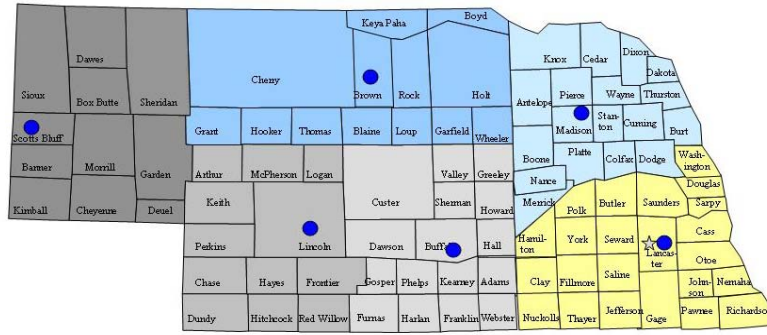
Three homes were purchased with funding from local lenders, Valley Bank and Trust Co. and PV Mortgage. The lenders utilized American Recov-

ery and Reinvestment Act loan guarantees provided by USDA Rural Development. Another home was sold through the USDA Rural Development direct housing loan program.

Through this partnership, Twin Cities Development, the City of Gering, Magnolia Homes, Western Nebraska Housing Opportunities, local lenders, local contractors, and USDA Rural Development worked towards a common goal of providing new, cost effective housing for local residents. Best of all, four families each have a new home to call their own.

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/PAPPAS%20ADDITION%20PARTNERSHIP.pdf>

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**2009 ANNUAL REPORT
 FOR
 NEBRASKA**



Committed to the future of rural communities.

**\$209.2 MILLION INVESTED
 IN RURAL NEBRASKA**

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**Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Grant Success Story
Coble and Sons-Mullen**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/FY09CobleandSonsWindTurbineSucsty.pdf>

The Glen Coble and Sons ranch was exploring its options to utilize a renewable energy source to generate electrical power to a portion of the ranch.

Rural Development provided a 9006 Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency grant to offset the expenses for the purchase and installation of five Skystream model #3.7, 1.8 kW wind turbines. The power generated is anticipated to be sufficient for two submersible ¾ hp livestock wells, a 15 hp electric turbine irrigation pump and external and engine block heaters for machinery during the winter months.

The turbines collectively produce 9 kw/hour in a 23 mph wind. The Skystream 3.7™ is a new generation wind generator that is considered the first all-inclusive wind generator (with controls and inverter built in) designed to provide quiet, clean electricity in very low winds. Coble's electrical need from the utility has been reduced by a third.



**Community Facilities Direct and Guaranteed Loan Success Story...
Community Medical Center Inc.-Falls City**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/CommunityMedCtrFallsCity.pdf>

Fall City's Community Medical Center was obsolete and land locked, and a new facility was needed.

Financing was provided by a USDA Rural Development community facilities direct loan, and a loan from the Stillwater National Bank, backed by a USDA Rural Development guarantee. The remaining funds were furnished by the Community Medical Center, Inc.



More than 9,500 rural residents of Falls City and Richardson County will benefit from the new 68,000 sq. ft. critical access hospital. The initial capacity is 24 beds with a 6,500 square foot physician's clinic and needed new equipment. The delivery and availability of additional medical services will be enhanced to the people served by the hospital and clinic.

**2009 RURAL DEVELOPMENT NEBRASKA INVESTMENTS -
\$209,163,397**

HOUSING PROGRAMS	\$114,234,329
Homeownership	\$104,434,494
Home Repair	\$722,914
Rural Rental Housing	\$547,500
Multifamily Housing Preservation and Revitalization	\$2,320,173
Rural Rental Assistance and Vouchers	\$6,209,248
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	\$74,084,890
Community Facilities	\$56,039,090
Water and Environmental	\$18,045,800
BUSINESS/COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS	\$20,844,178
Business and Industry	\$11,993,528
Energy Efficiency	\$5,598,274
Bioenergy	\$2,004,483
Rural Business and Economic Development	\$1,047,939
Rural Cooperative Development	\$199,954

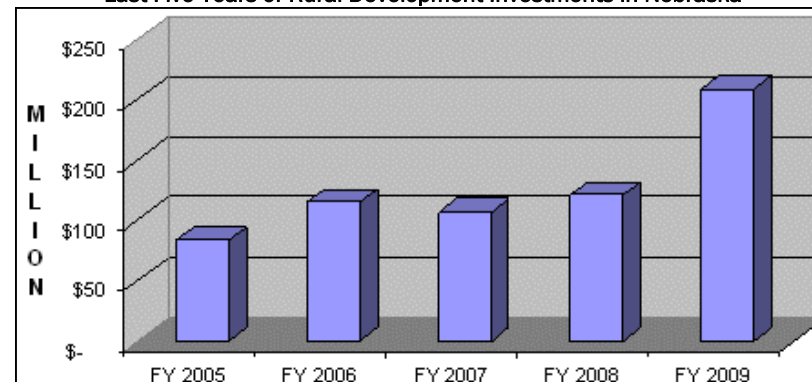
USDA Rural Development provides assistance to rural communities to ensure access to affordable and essential utilities such as electricity and telecommunications services. These services help to improve the quality of life for people who live, work, or do business in rural areas.

FY09 Funding for TELECOMMUNICATIONS in Nebraska: \$8,925,722

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant	\$695,722
Telecommunications Loan	\$8,230,000

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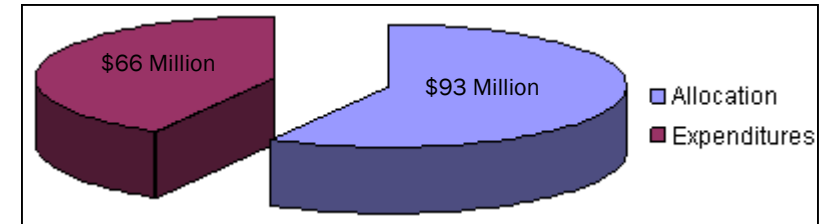
Last Five Years of Rural Development Investments in Nebraska



USDA AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on February 13, 2009, which was signed into law by President Obama. USDA Rural Development assists rural Nebraskans with ARRA funding through loans and grants for Community Facilities, Water and Waste Disposal, Broadband, Business and Industry and Single Family Loans. The ARRA funding must be expended by September 30, 2010.

FY 09 ARRA Nebraska Funding Allocation and Expenditures-



Nebraska 2009 ARRA Funded Projects:

- Warren Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc. (Friend)-General and surgical needs
- Community Hospital Association (McCook) Hospital-Renovations
- Village of Talmage-Street improvements
- City of Rushville-Medical/rescue equipment
- Weeping Water Community Building Foundation-Community center
- Village of Ragan-Emergency equipment
- Arnold Economic Development Corporation-Revolving loan fund
- Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools, Bloomfield Community Schools, Loup City Public Schools-Participate in Wind for Schools program
- Village of Cody-Technical assistance, buy equipment for business incubator
- Village of Wynot-New water storage, transmission lines, control system
- Village of Uehling-Connect Village to Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District's Logan East Rural Water System
- Homeownership provided to 545 households.
- Home refinances with better rates provided to 14 homeowners.

ARRA Dollars Impact on Nebraska Rural Development Funding

