

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT NEBRASKA

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USDA Funds Assist in Quality Water for Brule

North Platte, Nebraska, April 24--The Village of Brule is the recipient of \$484,000 in loan and \$487,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. These funds will ensure the delivery of safe and quality drinking water to the village residents.

The USDA Rural Development loan will be repaid over 40 years at 4.50 percent interest.

"The present water system is not in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act," stated Roberta Mues, rural development specialist for Nebraska USDA Rural Development. "The proposed water improvement project provides for the development of another water source, replacement of failing service lines, new storage for improved pressures and for the upgrading of the control system. These improvements will correct the present water system deficiencies, bringing the water system into compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act."

USDA Rural Development is a credit arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture whose mission is to provide financial assistance to rural communities who are unable to secure acceptable credit elsewhere for housing, community facilities, and business development. Assistance provided can be in the form of grants, direct loans, and guarantees on loans made by commercial lenders.

The USDA funding was secured from the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program of USDA Rural Development. For information regarding USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Programs, contact Roberta Mues in the USDA Rural Development Office, 1202 S. Cottonwood North Platte, Neb. 69101 or phone (308) 534-2360. Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/.

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