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USDA PROVIDES FIRE ENGINE FUNDING FOR THE TOWN OF COLTON

COLTON— The town has worked with a substandard emergency response vehicle for several years while they looked for ways to support the cost of a replacement. Officials discovered they could leverage the \$11,500 they were able to raise with funding from USDA Rural Development to purchase a newer fire engine.

The town recently received approval for \$75,500 in loan and grant funding from USDA Rural Development to help finance a used 1987 Fire Engine to replace their 1967 model engine that does not meet current safety standards. The replacement vehicle will be able to transport five fire personnel safely, fully attired with turnout gear and breathing apparatus. This improvement to the fire fighting fleet will help the community retain its fire rating and assist in reduction of response time.

“USDA Rural Development is proud to be working with the town to provide funding for this much needed fire truck for the safety of community residents,” said Jackie J. Gleason, Washington State Director for USDA Rural Development.

The low interest loan and grant is being made available through USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities Program. Information on this and other USDA Rural Development programs may be obtained from any USDA Service Center or by visiting <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa>. ###

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