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Editor's note: The below news release, which contains detailed information about projects in Iowa, is a follow up to a release distributed yesterday by the USDA. The original July 8 news release can be found at www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/07/0293.xml.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES \$66.4 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROJECTS IN RURAL AREAS

33 States Benefit from Recovery Act Projects Such as Libraries, Food Distribution Centers, Equipment for First Responders; 51 Projects in Iowa Receiving \$4.08 Million

WASHINGTON, July 8, 2009 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the selection of nearly \$66.4 million in essential community facilities projects in 33 states throughout the country that are being funded immediately with federal funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This is the third wave of Recovery Act community facilities investments announced by USDA.

Fifty one projects in Iowa are receiving \$4,078,488 million in assistance as part of today's announcement.

"Communities throughout the country are benefiting from the Recovery Act, and by building or upgrading facilities such as libraries, public buildings and community centers, we are investing in the future of rural America," Vilsack said. "These projects will advance the Administration's efforts to jumpstart the economy by creating jobs and economic development opportunities in hundreds of small towns."

In addition to the \$66.4 million that USDA Rural Development is providing for the 345 projects announced today, recipients have raised \$45 million from other sources.

Examples of projects in Iowa include \$81,700 to help finance a community building in Westgate, Iowa, which will house the Westgate Public Library, fire station, first responders, meeting and training room, city hall and storage. This building will replace five older buildings the city is maintaining, which are not fully handicap accessible.

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The Kossuth Regional Health Center in Algona is receiving a \$21,000 grant to purchase hospital beds and related healthcare equipment. The health center currently operates out of a three-story building that was constructed in 1949. A new 25-room in-patient care unit is being added to the facility. The new unit will include private rooms and bathroom facilities. The grant funds will be used to purchase patient beds, over-the-bed tables, day beds and dressers.

The City of Exira and its volunteer fire department will use \$27,500 in ARRA funds to make improvements to the city's fire station. Currently, the limited space does not allow for the purchase of replacement fire protection equipment, resulting in adverse impacts on the quality of fire protection and emergency services to the community. The improved facility will also allow for training and meeting space for the fire department members to continue their educational requirements.

Here is a complete listing of Iowa projects receiving funding:

Project	Loan Amount	Grant Amount	Project Description
Community Health Centers of Southeastern Iowa	\$560,000	\$50,000	New health care facility
Elliot Volunteer Fire Department	\$67,500	\$82,000	Fire truck
City of Numa	\$74,000	\$25,100	Community center
Wee Saints Day Care Center	\$100,000	\$50,000	Day care center
City of Wyoming	\$358,500	\$150,000	Building construction
City of Bedford	\$0	\$73,500	Fire truck
Cass County Agricultural and Education Association	\$0	\$30,000	County fair building/food stand
Child Resource Center, Inc.	\$0	\$26,600	Child care building improvements
City of Correctionville	\$0	\$77,800	Ambulance
City of Eagle Grove	\$0	\$27,000	Police car
City of Elkader	\$0	\$180,000	EMS building
Ellsworth Municipal Hospital	\$0	\$25,500	Furniture and Medical Equipment
City of Exira	\$0	\$27,500	Fire station improvements
City of Exira	\$0	\$24,750	Tractor
Greater Oelwein Area Charitable Foundation	\$0	\$50,000	Educational lab equipment
City of Hawkeye	\$0	\$805	Energy efficient heater for fire department
Kids World, Inc.	\$0	\$1,200	Classroom cameras and

			video equipment
Kossuth Regional Health Center	\$0	\$21,000	Hospital beds and medical equipment
City of Lenox	\$0	\$99,500	Community center
City of Lenox	\$0	\$4,200	Pump for fire safety and flood protection
City of Lincoln	\$0	\$57,000	Fire equipment
City of Liscomb	\$0	\$14,370	Fire equipment
Littleport Fire Department, Inc.	\$0	\$7,500	Fire truck
City of Marne	\$0	\$14,000	Fire truck
Midwest Opportunities, Inc.	\$0	\$6,125	Medical beds for developmentally disabled care facility
City of Monticello	\$0	\$89,655	Police station
City of Mount Ayr	\$0	\$12,925	Police vehicle
City of Nashua	\$0	\$10,295	Furnishing & equipment for welcome center
Nishna Productions, Inc.	\$0	\$99,500	Workforce center for developmentally disabled
City of North Buena Vista	\$0	\$17,475	Fire rescue truck
Oto Firefighters Association	\$0	\$7,500	Fire equipment
Old Time Soda Foundation	\$0	\$2,618	Community center
City of Pomeroy	\$0	\$6,000	Rescue equipment
Portsmouth and Cass Township Fire District	\$0	\$1,200	Equipment
Ringgold Community Water Emergency Team	\$0	\$1,645	Rescue equipment
City of Red Oak	\$0	\$99,000	Library equipment
Ringgold County Hospital	\$0	\$74,250	Ambulance
City of Rock Rapids	\$0	\$7,500	Fire equipment
City of Shelby	\$0	\$42,000	Ambulance
Sherrill Fire Protection Association	\$0	\$48,000	Ambulance
City of Strawberry Point	\$0	\$12,750	Ambulance
TASC, Inc.	\$0	\$27,000	ADA compliant platform lift at a building for developmentally disabled
United Community Health Center, Inc.	\$0	\$74,500	Medical equipment
City of Wadena	\$0	\$27,500	Fire truck
City of Wadena	\$0	\$3,300	Fire equipment
City of Wadena	\$0	\$12,100	Fire equipment

Washington Township Trustees	\$0	\$110,000	Fire truck
City of Westgate	\$0	\$81,700	Fire station, rescue, library, city hall building construction
City of Woodburn	\$0	\$14,625	Fire equipment
Good Neighbor Society	\$900,000	\$0	Nursing home facility expansion
City of Lewis	\$0	\$10,000	Fire truck
Totals	\$2,060,000	\$2,021,563	

The funding is being provided through USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities program, which helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include childcare centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through this program, USDA ensures that such facilities are available to all rural residents. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations and recognized Indian tribes.

Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the loan or grant agreement. More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia, or by calling (515) 284-4663.

President Obama signed The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law on Feb. 17, 2009. It is designed to jumpstart the nation’s economy, create or save millions of jobs and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act includes measures to modernize our nation’s infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

More information about USDA’s Recovery Act efforts is available at www.usda.gov/recovery. More information about the Federal government’s efforts on the Recovery Act is available at www.recovery.gov.