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**Editor's note:** The below news release, which contains detailed information about projects in Iowa, is a follow up to the release distributed earlier today by the USDA. The original news release can be found at [www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/\\_s.7\\_0\\_A/7\\_0\\_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/07/0347.xml](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/07/0347.xml).

## **USDA Rural Development Awards \$296,475 to Five Projects in Iowa Through Recovery Act**

**WASHINGTON**, July 29, 2009 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the selection of \$58.1 million in community facilities projects in 33 states that are being funded immediately with federal funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that President Obama signed into law in February.

Five projects in Iowa are receiving \$296,475.

“Rural communities are important to the lifeblood of our country and the Obama Administration is committed to keeping them strong by providing Recovery Act funding for facilities such as day care centers, public buildings and community centers that improve the quality of life in these communities,” Vilsack said.

In addition to the \$58.1 million that USDA Rural Development is providing to fund the 104 projects announced today, recipients will invest \$41.2 million from other sources.

The funding announced today 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 child care 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. Public bodies, non-profit organizations and recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply for funding.

Entities benefiting from the Recovery Act funding today in Iowa include:

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Project	Grant Amount	Project Description
City of Alta	\$100,000	Assist with the development and construction of a new fire station and related equipment and infrastructure services in Alta.
Community Hospital, Inc. (Hamburg, Iowa)	\$49,000	Assist hospital with purchase of new x-ray machine and six refurbished hospital beds.
Larrabee Community Fire Association	\$6,000	Assist in a project that will bring all communication equipment into FCC narrow band compliance and replace non-compliant equipment.
Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc. (Fredericksburg, Iowa)	\$41,475	Assist with the renovation of a building to be used for a mental health and substance abuse treatment center serving the citizens of Chickasaw County.
City of Volga	\$100,000	Assist with the construction of a multi-purpose community building serving as a storm shelter, emergency shelter, community room, fire department, training facility, library and city hall.

Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the grant agreement. More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov).

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](http://www.usda.gov/recovery). More information about the Federal government's efforts on the Recovery Act is available at [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

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Further information about this and other USDA Rural Development programs is available by calling (515) 284-4663 or at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia).

Eleven USDA Rural Development offices in Iowa serve the 1.9 million Iowans living in rural communities and areas. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

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