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**Editor's note:** The below news release, which contains detailed information about projects in Iowa, is a follow up to two releases distributed last week by the USDA. The original news releases can be found at

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## **USDA Rural Development Awards \$4.89 Million to Two Projects in Iowa Through Recovery Act**

DES MOINES, Iowa, September 4, 2009 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that two projects in Iowa are receiving \$4,899,000 in loan and grant funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

A \$1.4 million loan and \$3,399,000 in grant funds are being awarded to Southern Iowa Rural Water Association to assist with improvements to the Creston Water Works Treatment Plant (Creston, Iowa.) The improvements will result in increased water treatment capacity and improved water quality to residents in Creston, throughout Union County, as well as neighboring counties.

“The Recovery Act water and wastewater projects support the Obama administration’s goal of rebuilding and revitalizing the nation’s rural infrastructure,” Vilsack said. “This funding will provide reliable drinking water and sanitary waste disposal while creating and saving jobs in rural America.”

The City of Elma is receiving a \$100,000 grant to build a multi-purpose building in the community that will serve as a storm shelter with an emergency generator, a community center, the city clerk’s office, city council chambers and a legion hall. It will be replacing a facility that was built in the 1950s and has fallen into general disrepair.

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“The Obama administration is committed to revitalizing rural communities and bringing quality facilities such as hospitals, public buildings and community centers to small towns and cities that can benefit from new construction or upgrades to existing facilities,” Vilsack said.

The AARA funding announced for Southern Iowa Rural Water Association is being administered by USDA Rural Development’s Water and Environmental Program, which provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and wastewater infrastructure to deliver safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas.

The funding announced for the City of Elma 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.

Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the grant agreement.

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).

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Further information about 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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