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## **USDA Rural Development Moves Greensburg Office** ***Agency Office Assisting Homebuyers & Businesses***

**Topeka, KS** – USDA Rural Development has announced that the Agency's Greensburg service office has relocated to the Kiowa County USDA Service Center at 122 East Illinois Avenue in Greensburg.

"Moving the USDA Rural Development office in Greensburg to the local USDA Service Center will allow the Agency to provide more long-term recovery programming assistance to help the residents of Greensburg and the surrounding area. From assisting future homeowners to supporting the business sector, the Agency's grant and low-interest loan programs will help many residents in the region. USDA Rural Development is devoted to supporting the community's and surrounding region's long-term recovery efforts following the May 4th tornado. The Agency appreciates the Kiowa County NRSC and FSA staff for allowing USDA Rural Development to use this office space," commented State Director Banks.

USDA Rural Development's low-interest homeownership loan and home repair grant/loan programs can provide area individuals/families additional assistance options for their home financing or home repair decisions. Agency staff will also provide a review of financing options for those desiring to finance a new or existing home, or explain home repair options for their present residence. USDA's housing programs also support the development of affordable rental housing facilities.

USDA Rural Development also offers programs to support business financing and advancing development opportunities for existing and new businesses. The Agency's business programs also include grant and loan guarantees for new renewable energy and energy efficiency systems.

USDA Rural Development, in cooperation with FEMA, State of Kansas agencies, non-profits and faith-based organizations, national energy experts, trade associations, and academic institutions is currently working with Greensburg and Kiowa County officials to assist the region in replacing previous public facilities and related community needs or expanding new services. The Agency's community facility programs supports establishing essential public facilities and services such as health care facilities, emergency service facilities, fire and law enforcement structures and services, business development, cultural and educational facilities, and water/sewer/utility infrastructure.

Additional information regarding USDA Rural Development's programs can be obtained by contacting the Agency's Hays office at 785-628-3081 (extension #4). Individuals may also call the Agency's state headquarters at 785-271-2700 or log onto the state's USDA Rural Development website at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks).

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life of rural Americans. USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure in rural America. Since 2001 USDA Rural Development has delivered over \$1 billion in funding assistance for Kansas, supporting over \$5 billion in future community and economic development benefiting all Kansans.

**USDA Rural Development – *Committed to the Future of Rural Communities.***

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