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Kansas Communities Receive USDA Funding *\$4.7 Million In Ceremonial Checks Presented To Seven Recipients*

Topeka, KS – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced the completion of a five county tour held late last week to present over \$4.7 million in funding to seven recipients from four different programs administered by the Agency. The various Kansas projects will support future economic and community development for the Sunflower State.

“USDA Rural Development appreciates the opportunity to provide needed community and economic development programming for Kansas. To more effectively leverage these important taxpayer-supported programs, the Agency also partners with local public entities and the private sector to help make these projects reality. The outstanding partnerships enjoyed by the Agency allows even more taxpayer dollars to return to Kansas, funding which is invested in our State to benefit all Kansans,” remarked Banks.

During the tour, State Director Banks made presentations to the following entities for their participation in the Agency’s business and community programs:

- Harper Hospital District #5, Harper, KS: \$1,870,000 *Community Facilities Direct & Guaranteed Loan Program*, Hospital Addition.
- Flinthills Services, Inc., El Dorado, KS: \$1,525,000 *Community Facilities Direct & Guaranteed Loan Program*, Day Center for citizens with developmental disabilities.
- Crawford County – Fire District #2, Franklin, KS: \$723,300 *Community Facilities Direct & Guaranteed Loan Program*, Fire Station.
- City of St. Paul, St. Paul, KS: \$285,500 *Water & Waste Disposal Program*, Water Intake Structure.
- Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., / Oakview Estates, Frontenac: \$285,000 *Rural Economic Development Loan Program*, Residential Health Care Facility.
- City of Blue Mound, Blue Mound, KS: \$12,750 *Community Facilities Grant Program*, Early Warning Storm Siren.
- City of Prescott, Prescott, KS: \$10,875 *Community Facilities Grant Program*, Early Warning Storm Siren.

Banks, in remarks following the completion of the tour, stated, “USDA Rural Development will continue to work vigorously with various partners to support local efforts in bringing new business and civic investment to Kansas communities. We compliment these organizations and local residents for utilizing these successful Agency programs.”

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs that support increasing economic opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for rural Americans. As a venture capital entity, 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 \$1.2 billion to Kansans covering all Agency programs, supporting well over \$6 billion in future economic development for the Sunflower State. For additional information regarding all USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Agency at 785-271-2700 or visit the Agency’s Kansas website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks