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Kansas Communities Receive USDA Funding

\$432,100 In Community Facilities Funding Support Eight Kansas Projects

Topeka, KS – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks announced the Agency's second round of Fiscal Year 2008 community facilities direct loans and grants for eight Kansas projects.

"USDA Rural Development appreciates the opportunity to provide much needed community and economic development programming for Kansas. To more effectively leverage these important taxpayer-supported programs, the Agency also partners with the local public entities 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 State Director Banks.

The following communities received funding under the Agency's Community Facility Direct Loan & Grant Program:

- Haviland, KS: \$26,250 *Community Facilities Grant Program*, replace street lights and poles.
- Princeton, KS: \$110,000 *Community Facilities Direct Loan Program*, chip seal city streets.
- Kinsley, KS: \$24,750 *Community Facilities Grant Program*, purchase and install three new storm sirens.
- Frankfort, KS: \$16,950 *Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program*, purchase and install storm siren.
- Woodson County, KS: \$225,000 *Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program*, renovate community building used for Red Cross emergency victim assistance center.
- Lost Springs, KS: \$12,750 *Community Facilities Grant Program*, Early Warning Storm Siren.
- Madison, KS: \$5,950 *Community Facilities Grant Program*, Early Warning Storm Siren.
- Parker, KS: \$10,450 *Community Facilities Grant Program*, Early Warning Storm Siren.

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts commenting on the Agency's announcement said, "These funds will make a tangible improvement in the safety of community residents while improving quality of life for all Kansans."

Banks stated, "USDA Rural Development will continue to work vigorously with various partners to support local efforts to bring new businesses and civic investments 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. 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. The Agency's Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program has provided over \$32,900,000 and assisted over 601,000 Kansans during the last eight years alone. 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

