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## **Greensburg City Hall Project Breaks Ground** *USDA Provides Funding For New 'Green' Facility*

**Greensburg, KS** - USDA Rural Development joined City of Greensburg officials, FEMA, and local community leaders in today's groundbreaking ceremony for the new Greensburg City Hall. Today's ceremony will begin the construction of the new City facility, replacing the previous building that was destroyed during the May 4, 2007 EF-5 tornado that struck the community and surrounding area. USDA presented a ceremonial check of totaling \$900,000 in Agency grant funding at today's ceremony.

USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks commented during the Greensburg ceremony, "Establishing a new permanent City Hall is vital to the redevelopment of Greensburg and Kiowa County. It takes effective and innovative partnerships to help rebuild a community following a disaster such as what struck Greensburg, and USDA appreciates the opportunity to work with the community and its many resources to assist in its recovery process."

Greensburg Mayor Bob Dixon said following today's event, "We appreciate the partnership with, and the grant funding from USDA Rural Development to help complete the financing of the new City Hall. Greensburg appreciates USDA Rural Development's help in assisting with the rebuilding of Greensburg and Kiowa county."

The total cost of Greensburg's new energy-efficient LEED Platinum City Hall will be approximately \$2,952,500. In addition to USDA's \$900,000 grants, other funding sources for the project include \$282,000 in insurance proceeds, \$1,188,525 from FEMA, \$396,172 from KDEM and a City contribution of \$185,803.

During today's announcement, State Director Banks thanked the Kansas Congressional Delegation for their continued support of the Agency's Greensburg recovery effort, along with all USDA Rural Development 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. 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](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks)

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