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Kansans Receive Grant Selections From USDA Rural Development *Rural Energy for America Program* *Six Additional Kansas Energy Efficiency Projects Announced*

Newton – USDA Rural Development Area Director Jay Brost along with Area Specialist Douglas Clary, congratulated six Kansas applicants for being selected to receive a total of \$35,590.00 in grants to make energy efficiency improvements. The funds are administered through USDA Rural Development's *Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)* which was established in the 2008 Farm Bill and is not part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act."

In addition to the USDA Rural Development funds, recipients will invest \$110,685 from other sources. Funding of each recipient is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreement.

Area Specialist Douglas Clary commented, "It is with great pleasure that I recognize these six applicants from South-Central Kansas which have been selected to receive a grant under the Agency's Rural Energy for America Program. This is a great program which is a win win situation for the businesses. With the grant, they will save up to 25% on the cost of the energy efficiency improvements, while gaining the benefit of a significant savings on their monthly utility bills"

W.K. Real Estate, LLC d/b/a Chisholm Trail Country Store in Newton was selected to receive a \$3,670 energy efficiency grant. The building was constructed in 2003 with Metal-X-Lighting. This system needs to be updated with a more efficient and environmentally friendly lighting system. This energy efficiency project would replace the 52 Metal-X-Lighting fixtures with a T-5 florescent lighting system in the store and warehouse. This will create an estimated annual energy savings of 53.9%. USDA Rural Development funding will be combined with an applicant contribution of \$14,711.

Crazy Horse Properties, LLC in Arlington was selected for an energy efficiency grant of \$4,150. The improvements will remove the existing heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system and install a new system for the Crazy Horse Restaurant with an anticipated annual energy savings of 43.1%. USDA Rural Development funding will be leveraged with an applicant contribution of \$12,456.

In Stafford County, St. John National Bank was selected for a grant of \$10,950 for their energy efficiency improvements to replace six roof top commercial heating and air conditioning units with high efficiency units. The annual energy savings is expected to be 33.4%. USDA Rural Development funding will be leveraged with an applicant contribution of \$32,850.

Campbell Farms is a family owned and operated dairy farm located just north of Winfield, KS which has been selected for an energy efficiency grant of \$5,870. After an extensive energy survey, replacement of the existing rotary vane vacuum pump/controls with new high efficiency rotary lobe pump with high efficiency motor and variable frequency drive was in order. In addition, recovering rejected heat from bulk tank refrigeration equipment and use it to pre-heat the domestic water used for wash down will eliminate the need for an existing gas water heater. Another benefit will be the condenser fans should have significantly lower duty cycles which is expected to result in reduced electric energy consumption. The annual energy savings is expected to be 18.5%. USDA Rural Development funding will be combined with an applicant contribution of \$17,620.

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Stockham Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Stockham Family Funeral Home has been selected to receive a \$5,150 grant to replace 28 windows and an entrance door in a 1885 funeral home facility in McPherson. The existing single glazed, double hung windows with aluminum storm windows will be replaced with energy efficient vinyl frame, double hung windows with double glazed, low emissivity glass. The double glazing utilizes low-e glass which reduces thermal conductivity and excessive solar heat gain. The door being installed will be a steel insulated door. In addition, the windows and door are tight fitting, thus reducing unnecessary air infiltration. The new energy efficient improvements will have an annual energy savings of 12%. USDA Rural Development funding will be combined with an applicant contribution of \$15,475.

Amics Restaurant in McPherson was selected for an energy efficiency grant of \$5,800 and has remodeled a building for their restaurant and catering operations. A major component of the remodeling was installing ceiling insulation, tankless water heater, and new heating, ventilating, and cooling equipment with ductwork. The old system was approximately 60% efficient, with the new system rated at 92.1% efficiency. USDA Rural Development funding will be leveraged with an applicant contribution of \$17,573.

Twenty-three renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Kansas were recently announced by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, for an aggregate total of \$1,320,373 in loans and grants, with leveraged funds of \$1,578,302.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure.

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