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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$51,990 IN GRANTS TO THE CITY OF RICHLAND

Morris Westfall, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, hosted a mock check presentation on November 10, 2008, at the Richland city hall. The city received three Community Facility Grants through USDA Rural Development to purchase two police cars, an early warning storm siren for the community and a backup generator for city hall.

U.S. Senator Christopher Bond said "It is critical that police officers in rural communities have the proper equipment they need to do their jobs. I applaud the USDA and the local leadership for investing in this vital equipment so law enforcement officers can better protect the City of Richland community during emergencies."

U.S. Senator Clair McCaskill said, "Our police officers deserve high-quality equipment that matches the courage they display every day in the line of duty," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "I am thrilled that the police of Richland are now better equipped to protect their community."

U.S. Representative Ike Skelton said, "I am pleased to congratulate the City of Richland, who will receive USDA, Rural Development funding to purchase two police cars, an early warning weather siren, a police repeater, and a backup generator. This equipment will save lives and ensure the city will be able to perform their duties more effectively,"

Bob Wall, Mayor of Richland, said, "The city is very much appreciates the help from Rural Development in purchasing the two new patrol cars and other items. As a small rural community, we face many challenges on a limited budget. This is a giant step forward for Richland."

Anita Ivey, City Administrator concurred with Mayor Wall and added, "These vehicles will be a great improvement to the fleet of older vehicles that we currently have I would like to express sincere appreciation on behalf of our community for these much needed items".



Front row from left to right: Morris Westfall, Rural Development State Director, Anita Ivey, City Administrator, David Rauch, Senator Claire McCaskill's Aid, Bob Wall, Mayor, Back row form left to right: Nathan Sheridan, City Council Member, Jack Kearbey Rural Development Area Specialist, Terry Luetkemeyer, Rural Development Area Director, Melissa Richardson, Representative Ike Skelton's Aid.

**Westfall, said “Funding important projects like this by Rural Development mirrors President Bush’s initiatives for rural America and Rural Development’s commitment to the future of rural communities. Appreciation is also extended to our Federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”**

**Anyone interested in obtaining information regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Jack O. Kearbey, Area Specialist, at the Rolla Sub-Area Office of USDA Rural Development at 1050 Highway 72 East, Rolla, MO 65401 or by calling (573) 364-2088 Ext. 4.**

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