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RURAL DEVELOPMENT HELPS FUND WARNING SIREN FOR THE VILLAGE OF JAMESON

Janie Dunning, Missouri Rural Development State Director, announced a Community Facility Economic Impact Initiative Grant in the amount of \$10,600 to the Village of Jameson. The announcement was made at a funding celebration held Wednesday, October 28th at the Jameson City Hall.

The funds go towards the purchase of a \$14,139 outdoor emergency warning siren for the Village. A mock check representing the funding was presented to the Village during the event. The grant funds will be supplemented by \$3,539 provided by the Village of Jameson. Donations have also been received from the

Farmers Electric Cooperative in Chillicothe for the pole and Scobee Powerline Construction, LLC in Cameron for part of the installation cost.

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said, "For all the good moments we share, it is equally important to plan for times of emergency and natural disaster. I am pleased these federal funds will allow the village of Jameson to purchase an early warning siren, which will improve the safety conditions for its citizens."

U.S. Representative Sam Graves said, "In Missouri, we must always be prepared for the changing weather. This grant ensures that the residents of Jameson will receive adequate notification in the event of severe weather."

Rural Development worked with the Jameson Board of Trustees in the application phase of funding for the project. The siren will be installed within the City Limits.

"Rural Development is pleased to be able to help provide funding assistance for the cost of the siren," said Dunning. "The siren is vital to help protect Village residents during storms and other emergencies."

The grant funds originated from Rural Development's Community Facility Grant program. The community facility grants provide funding for essential public improvements to public bodies and non-profit corporations with substantial ties to the local community.



Celebrating funding of a \$10,600 CF Grant for purchase of an emergency warning siren for the Village of Jameson were (left to right): Patty Baker, Jameson Acting Supervisor; Doris Croy, Jameson Board of Trustees; Neal Miller, Rural Development Area Supervisor, St. Joseph; Janie Dunning, Missouri Rural Development State Director; Beverly Ward, Jameson Community Betterment; Jan Duly, Jameson Community Betterment; Brook Balentine, Field Representative, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill; Dave Clarkson, Rural Development Area Specialist, Chillicothe.

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