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MOUND CITY RECEIVES \$50,996 IN USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS

USDA Rural Development presented a \$50,996 Mock Check to the City of Mound City on Wednesday, October 24th at City Hall. USDA Rural Development grant funds will assist with improvements to the police department office area and will provide restroom facilities that meet accessibility requirements. These improvements will allow the City to better serve its 1,193 residents.

The Rural Development funds consist of a \$50,083 Economic Impact Initiative Grant and a \$913 Community Facility Grant. These programs provide loans, grants and loan guarantees to assist rural areas with essential services and facilities.

“Today’s announcement highlights the local leadership and the commitment of the USDA Rural Development staff. They are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. The entire community will benefit from these efforts,” said U.S. Senator Kit Bond.

“Federal investment in rural communities is essential to our state. I’m pleased these funds are going to Mound City so they can make necessary updates to their police department,” said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill.

“This funding will help improve Mound City’s City Hall for the entire community,” said U.S. Congressman Sam Graves. “It is important that we continue to improve the infrastructure in our rural communities and I appreciate the USDA Rural Development program for working with local officials to get this project done.”



Those in the photograph are from left to right: Cindy Grant (Library Director), Stan Seitz (Alderman), Stan Wolfe (Area Specialist with the USDA Rural Development Area Office at St. Joseph), Glen Brown (President of the Mound City Library Board of Trustees), Patsy Smith (City Clerk), David Duncan (Mayor), Susan Laukemper (Library Board of Trustees), Duane A. Nauman (Alderman), Dean Brookshier (Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Sam Graves), Larry Thomas (Library Board of Trustees), Phyllis Parker (Library Board of Trustees), Debbie Loucks (Library Board of Trustees), Jean McCall (Library Aide), Angela Atkins (City Collector), Karen Wedlock (Library Board of Trustees), Shirley Jackson (Library Aide), Marilyn Roberts (Alderman), Jeremy Brady (Rural Development Manager with the USDA Rural Development Local Office at Maryville), Scott Wedlock (Mound City Police Officer), Jim Krueger (Alderman)

“This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” said Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development. “Appreciation is 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.”

“The city of Mound City is very excited about the planned renovations to City Hall which will provide for expansion of the library and police department and also improve handicap accessibility of the building on both levels. This project could not be done without assistance from the USDA Rural Development. We are very appreciative of their support, with grant awards totaling \$50,996, and also grateful for the assistance provided by Stan Wolfe, Area Specialist at St. Joseph, and Jeremy Brady, Rural Development Manager at Maryville,” said Mound City Mayor David Duncan.

Mound City will be contributing \$97,504 towards the improvements to City Hall. Terry Clark with Creal, Clark & Seifert Architects/Engineers, Inc. of St. Joseph, MO is the project architect.

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides funding and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available by visiting USDA’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or contacting Stan L. Wolfe at the St. Joseph Rural Development Area Office, 3915 Oakland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506 or by calling (816) 364 - 3767 (extension #5).

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