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U. S. Congressman KennyHulshof and USDA State Director Greg Branum celebrates with the citizens of Novinger on receiving a \$11,975 grant to assist with the purchase of an early storm warning siren.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$11,975 TO THE CITY OF NOVINGER

U. S. Congressman Kenny Hulshof joined Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, in presenting a mock check to the City of Novinger on Thursday, September 13, 2007. The \$11,975 check represents a grant the will be used to purchase a new early storm warning siren system for the city. The funding is through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Program. The city and local community support is providing an additional \$4,655 in additional funding for this project.

"I'm so pleased that federal dollars will go to help protect the safety of Novinger residents," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "Early warning systems are essential to emergency preparedness in our state."



Included in the picture are: U.S. Congressman Kenny Hulshof; Sharon Barnes, City Clerk; Mayor Bill Burris (holding the corner of the check); Greg Branum, USDA Rural Development State Director; Llona Weiss of Senator Clair McCaskill's office; and Bill Capps who has chaired the work on the project for the city

"In recent years, we have seen the damage rendered by tornadoes that have ripped through communities in northeast Missouri", said Congressman Hulshof. "The key to saving lives is advance warning of a coming storm. This funding provides a system that will help give notification to the people of Novinger. I applaud all of those who have worked together to make this happen."

"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 Branum. "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."

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