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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$5,800 GRANT TO THE CITY OF SUNRISE BEACH

In a mock check ceremony on September 15, 2009, Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$5,800 to the City of Sunrise Beach. Funds will be used to purchase and install an early warning siren for the small community of 368 residents. The assistance consists of an Economic Impact Initiative grant for \$5,800 from the Community Facilities Program of USDA, Rural Development. The City of Sunrise Beach will contribute \$11,000 to complete the funding of this project.



“In Missouri, we know all too well that severe weather can strike in a matter of minutes. This new warning system will ensure the people of Laurie and Sunrise Beach have ample time to take shelter from these dangerous storms. Thank you to the local leaders and USDA officials whose efforts are making these communities a safer place to live,” stated U.S. Senator Kit Bond.

“In Missouri we have enough severe weather to know that early warning systems are an important life-saving service,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “I’m thrilled these communities are receiving grant funding to alert rural Missourians of approaching hazards in a case of emergency.”

“I was pleased to learn that the City of Sunrise Beach will benefit from a federal grant. Although we cannot control when we are affected by severe weather, we can significantly improve a city’s ability to warn residents when severe weather is headed toward them. This funding will do exactly that,” said U. S. Representative Ike Skelton.

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing an early warning storm siren,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that the residents of the City of Sunrise Beach will have the additional benefit of a second early warning service. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects.”

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