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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$10,800 GRANT TO THE CITY OF WHEATLAND

In a mock check ceremony on September 15, 2009, Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director, USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$10,800 to the City of Wheatland. Funds will be used to purchase and install an early warning siren for the 388 residents. The assistance consists of an Economic Impact Initiative grant for \$10,800 from the Community Facilities Program of USDA, Rural Development. Additionally, \$3,700 was provided by the City of Wheatland to complete the funding of this project.



“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 help alert rural Missourians of approaching hazards in a case of emergency.”

“Each year, we witness the devastating effects of natural disasters that sweep through Missouri. While we cannot control who is or when we are affected by severe weather, we can equip ourselves with early warning sirens, which are proven to save lives. I am pleased that the City of Wheatland will have the equipment to warn residents when severe weather is headed toward them,” 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 Wheatland will have the benefit of early warning services. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects.”

Anyone seeking more information about the water and wastewater programs or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Clinton Area Office at 1306 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Clinton, MO 64735 or by calling (660) 885-5567- ext 5.

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