

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT NEBRASKA

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### USDA Rural Development Assists Village of Union with Sewer System Improvements

**Lincoln, Nebraska, April 19-**The Village of Union is the recipient of \$386,600 in loan and \$50,400 in grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. These funds will provide for improvements to the Village's existing sewer system, allowing for continued reliable sanitary sewer services to its residents. Community Development Block Grant funds of \$250,000 will also be utilized.

The USDA Rural Development loan will be repaid over 40 years at 4.75 percent interest.

"Through this funding, the community's sanitary sewer system will be kept in compliance with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's permit requirements," stated Roger Meeks, rural development specialist for Nebraska USDA Rural Development. "The existing sanitary sewer system is reaching the end of its useful life and is no longer adequately treating the wastewater. The deteriorated collection mains are allowing an exorbitant amount of inflow, causing the balance of the system to be ineffective in handling and treating the wastewater."

USDA Rural Development is a credit arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture whose mission is to provide financial assistance to rural communities who are unable to secure acceptable credit elsewhere for housing, community facilities, and business development. Assistance provided can be in the form of grants, direct loans, and guarantees on loans made by commercial lenders.

The USDA funds are received through the Water & Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program of USDA Rural Development. For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Programs, contact Roger Meeks in the USDA Rural Development Office, 6030 South 58<sup>th</sup> Street Suite B Lincoln, Neb. 68516 or phone (402) 423-9683. Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/).

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