

Courthouse Project Is A Cornerstone To Kiowa County's Rebuilding Efforts

Outline Of Need: An EF-5 tornado struck Greensburg, Kansas on May 4, 2007 and wiped out 95% of the town. The Kiowa County Courthouse was severely damaged but stood the wrath of the storm.



How Rural Development

Helped: The renovations and improvements to the Kiowa County Courthouse are vital to the redevelopment of Kiowa county and the City of Greensburg. The total cost of the Courthouse project was approximately \$4,941,200, with \$2,223,000 from USDA Rural

Development's Community Facilities Programs and \$2,718,200 coming from other sources. USDA funding consisted of a Community Facilities Loan of \$300,000 and Community Facilities Grant of \$1,923,000. Other sources included insurance proceeds, FEMA, Kansas Department of Emergency Management, County contribution and donations.

The Results: This building stood strong through the devastating storm and continues to be a landmark of strength and perseverance for the people of this community and Kiowa County. In keeping with the green emphasis of the community's rebuilding, the Courthouse is expected to achieve LEED Gold status, the second highest level of efficiency and conservation possible. The Kiowa County Courthouse ribbon cutting was celebrated on July 10, 2009.

