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USDA Rural Development Awards \$919,504 in Economic Impact Initiative Grants to 18 Projects Across State

DES MOINES, Iowa – September 3, 2008 – Mark Reisinger, USDA Rural Development State Director in Iowa, today announced that \$919,504 in grants from USDA Rural Development are being awarded to 18 projects across the state.

The funds are being provided through USDA Rural Development’s Economic Impact Initiative Grant program. Under the program, Rural Development provides grants to eligible communities with populations under 20,000 to assist them with projects that will provide an economic stimulus to their community.

“Community improvement efforts are important to the sustainability of rural America,” Reisinger said. “At Rural Development we are committed to helping communities develop these critical resources. Whether the project is a new medical clinic, fire station, community building, childcare center or assisted living facility we are ready to provide financial assistance.”

Recipient	Grant Amount	Project
City of Inwood	\$2,700	Assist with purchase of an emergency warning siren
City of Monticello	\$3,400	Assist with the purchase of an ambulance
City of Charter Oak	\$9,300	Assist with purchase and installation of an emergency generator system
City of Monticello	\$22,990	Assist with the purchase of a fire truck
City of Rock Rapids	\$37,500	Assist with the purchase of a fire truck
Malvern Area Betterment Association, Inc.	\$60,000	Assist with the construction of a public health services building
City of Onawa	\$243,000	Assist with the construction of a new fire station
Good Neighbor Society in Manchester	\$27,335	Assist with purchase an emergency wireless disaster preparedness communication system to connect emergency personnel, doctors, nurses and residents
City of Red Oak	\$150,000	Assist with the purchase of a fire truck
Kornernstone Kids Child Care. Inc. in Hamburg	\$20,539	Assist with construction costs of the child care center

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Recipient	Grant Amount	Project
Wayne County Hospital	\$40,240	Assist with refurbishing an existing ambulance and purchasing cardiac monitoring equipment for two ambulances
City of Braddyville	\$33,000	Assist with purchase of a tractor and loader to be used for snow removal, emergency services and routine maintenance services
City of Manchester	\$60,000	Assist with constructing an addition to the present fire station
City of Charles City	\$87,500	Assist with the purchase of a fire truck
Greater Regional Healthcare Foundation in Creston	\$14,500	Assist with purchasing hospice equipment for the Greater Regional Medical Center Hospice Home
City of Shenandoah	\$14,000	Assist with the purchase of a new emergency warning siren system
City of Moorhead	\$27,500	Assist with purchase of a tractor to be used for street cleaning, snow removal, and general city maintenance
Cornerstone Community Church in Chariton	\$66,000	Assist with the expansion of a local youth center including a new entrance, hallway, restrooms, insulation of the gym and heating and cooling system
Total	\$919,504	

During the past year, Rural Development provided assistance to more than 100 communities across Iowa with guaranteed loans, direct loans and grants totaling nearly \$200 million. The funds have helped with improvements to community facilities and upgrades to local infrastructure.

USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender with a variety of direct and guaranteed rural credit programs involving single and multi-family housing, community facilities, water and sewer development and business and cooperative programs.

Since 2007, Rural Development funds have helped create or retain nearly 2,300 jobs in rural Iowa, aided 1,240 families in buying their own home and assisted nearly 100 communities in improving community facilities and upgrading local infrastructure.

“All of our programs are voluntary, so we are always on the lookout for individuals and groups wanting to grow in rural Iowa,” Reisinger said. “At Rural Development we are constantly looking to partner with communities to advance our mission of ensuring the best possible quality of life for all rural Americans. Give us a call today.”

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USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas and communities. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

Further information on the agency's programs is available by calling (515) 284-4663, at any Rural Development office, or by visiting www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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