

Kansas Dept. of Commerce Announces CDBG Awards

A news release by the Kansas Department of Commerce recently announced ten Kansas communities that will share \$4,484,000 in federal grants through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Kansas Commerce Secretary, Pat George stated “These grants will help fund several important projects in communities across our state.”

Secretary Pat George added that, “It’s great that we can use CDBG grants to assist the small and rural communities that are so important to the economy and quality of life in Kansas.”

CDBG programs provide federal funds to local governments for the development of viable communities by addressing their housing, public facilities and economic development needs.

Local government units must meet at least one of three program objectives:

1. The grant must benefit low and moderate-income persons.
2. Prevent or eliminate slums and blight.
3. Resolve an urgent need where local resources are not available to do so.

CDBG funds are a key tool in supporting small, predominately rural communities. The Department has distributed more than \$300 million in CDBG funding in the last decade.

Receiving grants are:

City of Altamont: \$500,000 – This project will consist of replacing steel and asbestos water lines throughout the city. Other funds will match this grant with \$1,207,175.

City of Carbondale: \$500,000 – The project will repair and replace sanitary sewer lines and manholes within the city. Other funds of \$3,181,798 will match this project.

City of Cuba: \$312,000 – The city proposes to rehabilitate their entire water distribution system. Other funds will provide \$579,523 to the project.

City of Easton: \$500,000 – The city will construct a new water treatment plant located outside of the floodplain. Other funds will provide \$1,100,000 to the project.

City of Englewood: \$172,000 – This project will consist of a new water source and water system improvements. Other funds will provide \$598,900 in matching dollars.

Greenwood County: \$500,000 – This project consists of replacement and relocation of water distribution lines within Rural Water District no. 1. Other funds will provide \$2,837,615 to this project.

City of Parsons: \$500,000 – The project will repair or replace sewer lines and manholes. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will provide \$1,249,495 in matching funds.

City of Richmond: \$500,000 – The city proposes to replace water lines in the city as well as implementation of a new automated meter reading system. Other funds of \$1,352,505 will be provided for this project.

City of Scranton: \$500,000 – The scope of work will rehabilitate approximately 34,000 linear feet of water distribution lines. Other funds of \$1,877,860 will match this grant.

City of Udall: \$500,000 – The project proposes to make city-wide improvements to the water distribution system. Other funds will provide \$1,122,329 to the project.



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