

# Kansas Department of Commerce Awards Grants for Water, Wastewater Projects

This photo shows a section of old cast waterline from the city of Moline water system. The city recently experienced another main break and loss of an estimated 900,000 gallons of water. A CDBG grant of \$500,000 will help the city replace the entire distribution system. Total costs of the project are estimated at \$3,536,965 with the additional funding for the project from USDA Rural Development. Moline serves a population

of 371. The project will include replacing all of the city's existing cast iron, cement asbestos and aging PVC water mains with new PVC waterlines and include the replacement of the City's existing meter assemblies, valves, fire hydrants, and repainting the exterior of the water storage tank.



**T**he Kansas Department of Commerce recently awarded Community Development Block Grant funds to water and wastewater projects. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program allows the Department of Commerce to distribute federal funds to Kansas cities and counties looking to improve their community. To receive funds, a project must meet at least one of the following federally mandated criteria:

- The project benefits low- and moderate-income individuals
- The project removes or prevents slum or blight condition
- The project eliminates an urgent need created by a disaster when local funds are unavailable

The listing below shows the recent awards and intended uses of the funds. KRWA appreciates the summary by Salih Doughramaji, CDBG Specialist.

**City of Edna – \$500,000:** The city of Edna will make major improvements to its wastewater collection system throughout the city. USDA Rural Development will provide \$919,800 in additional funding.

**City of Bogue – \$318,000:** The city of Bogue proposes to build a new water transmission line to Hill City as well as

install 785 linear feet water distribution lines in Bogue. USDA Rural Development will provide \$726,330 and the city will provide \$100,000 in additional funding.

**City of Hoisington – \$500,000:** The city will make major repairs and improvements to the city's aging wastewater system. The Kansas Department of Health & Environment will provide \$798,040 in additional funding.

**City of Moline – \$500,000:** This project will consist of repainting the city's water storage tank as well as replacing water lines throughout the city. USDA Rural Development will provide \$3,036,965 in additional funding.

**City of Williamsburg – \$500,000:** The project will improve sanitary sewer lines and manholes throughout the city. USDA Rural Development will provide \$2,351,925 and the city will provide \$20,000 in additional funding.

**City of Osage City – \$500,000:** The city proposes to make improvements to its wastewater collection system to include sewer line replacement, manhole repair and upgrades to a lift station. USDA Rural Development will provide \$595,000 in additional funding.

**City of Chanute – \$500,000:** The project will repair or replace sewer lines and manholes. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the city will jointly provide \$961,378 in additional funding.

**City of Colony – \$307,000:** The city will rehabilitate approximately 15,100 linear feet of clay sewer lines. USDA Rural Development will provide \$307,000 in additional funding.

**City of Cherokee – \$315,100:** This project will make improvements to the city's wastewater treatment lagoons. The Kansas Department of Health & Environment will provide \$280,900 and the city will provide \$34,200 in additional funding.

**City of Argonia – \$500,000:** The project will include the construction of a new water treatment plant to serve the city of Argonia. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will provide \$1,984,561 in additional funding.

**City of Miltonvale – \$500,000:** This project will make major improvements to the city's water distribution system.

**Stop by the agency's booth during the KRWA conference, March 29 - 31 at Century II Convention Center in Wichita. Meet them in booth #157.**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will provide \$510,134 in additional funding.

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To learn more about the Community Development Block Grant program for community facilities, including the KAN STEP Program, check the Kansas Department of Commerce Web site at

[www.kansascommerce.com](http://www.kansascommerce.com). Also, stop by the agency's booth during the KRWA conference, March 29 - 31 at Century II Convention Center in Wichita. Meet them in booth #157. Also, plan to attend the breakout session entitled "Community Development Block Grants" in Room 209B at 10:45, Wednesday, March 30.



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**Do you have the best tasting water in Kansas? Put your water to the test!**

**KRWA's Annual Water Taste Test Contest**  
New this year: Bring a water sample; those who do will receive a coupon for a refund for one Wednesday luncheon ticket.

The winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet, Wednesday, March 30

How to enter? Bring a one-quart (or larger) sample of your systems' water to the conference. The sample must be in a glass container. Bring the sample to the conference registration desk by 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 30. Do not label the sample; KRWA will provide a code number.

The winner will go on to represent Kansas at the Great American Taste Test sponsored by National Rural Water Association in Washington, DC in 2017.

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