

USDA Rural Development Announces Funding for 16 Projects in Kansas



The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing \$1.2 billion to help rebuild and improve rural water infrastructure across the nation and recently announced 16 projects in Kansas that were approved. Nationally there were 234 projects that were approved. The awards were announced last December.

The following is the listing of systems in Kansas that were approved for funding.

- ▲ City of Turon - \$312,000 loan, \$436,000 grant. A 100,000-gallon water storage tower will be constructed and 1,860 feet of water lines will be installed.
- ▲ Public Wholesale Water Supply District No. 23 (Fredonia) - \$2.96 million loan, \$2.34 million grant. Install approximately 135,000 linear feet of water lines, build a booster pump station and construct a 200,000-gallon elevated water storage tower.
- ▲ City of Marion - \$3.43 million loan. The project will replace 47 blocks of water main lines and old fire hydrants.
- ▲ City of Kiowa - \$1.44 million loan, \$1.56 million grant. More than 44,000 feet of new water lines will be installed, along with 113 valves, 21 fire hydrants and 386 service assemblies.
- ▲ City of Washington - \$6.15 million loan, \$1.32 million grant. About 55,000 linear feet of water lines will be installed, as well as 106 gate valves and 60 fire hydrants.
- ▲ Douglas County Rural Water District No. 4 - \$2.38 million loan. The funding will be used to install new water infrastructure to replace existing undersized water lines in four areas within the district.

- ▲ City of Caney - \$2.74 million loan, \$265,000 grant. The funding will be used to rehabilitate about 62,900 feet of sewer collection lines.
 - ▲ City of Toronto - \$1.09 million loan, \$1.25 million grant. About 46,000 linear feet of waterline pipes will be installed, as well as 74 gate valves, 28 fire hydrants and 170 meter assemblies.
 - ▲ City of Gridley - \$1.98 million loan, \$126,000 grant. The funding will be used to rehabilitate approximately 24,000 feet of sewer collection lines.
 - ▲ City of Neodesha - \$7 million loan. Project includes constructing a 200,000-gallon elevated tank, and upgrading an existing tank and installing about 14,700 linear feet of water line to loop the distribution system.
 - ▲ Valley Center - \$3.1 million loan to replace some waterlines, service lines, vales and hydrants.
 - ▲ Strong City - \$2.24 million loan, \$2.16 million grant. The funding will rehabilitate the city's sewer infrastructure.
 - ▲ City of Victoria - \$2.97 million loan, \$1.44 million grant. A new 150,000-gallon elevated water storage tank will be constructed, 13,900 feet of water distribution lines will be replaced and there will be upgrades to the telemetry system and the city's existing wells.
 - ▲ City of Cambridge - \$284,000 loan, \$337,000 grant. About 13,000 linear feet of water infrastructure will be replaced, along with 58 new meter settings, 30 valves and 13 hydrants.
 - ▲ City of Fort Scott - \$4.93 million loan. The project will consist of designing and constructing improvements to the river water intake facility.
 - ▲ City of Eskridge - \$2.8 million loan, \$606,000 grant. The project will rehabilitate about 28,146 feet of wastewater collection system line and will upgrade the three-cell lagoon treatment facility.
- In total, Kansas will receive federal aid in the amount of \$57 million.

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