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## BURLINGTON JUNCTION RECEIVES USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR LAWN MOWER

Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development, presented a \$1,610 check to the City of Burlington Junction on October 29, 2009.

The grant funds were used to supplement the \$2,990 provided by the City of Burlington Junction to finance the purchase of a lawn mower. This funding will allow the city to have a reliable lawn mower that will ultimately increase maintenance efficiency of the City grounds.

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said, "I am proud that Missourians are working hard to keep their city clean. I am pleased to announce these federal funds will allow the city of Burlington Junction to purchase a mower in order to maintain city property."

U.S. Congressman Sam Graves said, "This will help make the City of Burlington Junction more efficient by reducing the time spent on maintaining the grounds. I am glad that the USDA recognizes the importance of our rural communities."

The \$1,610 in grant funds was made through USDA Rural Development's Community Facility Program. This program is available to finance essential facilities in rural areas.

"Financing essential equipment is consistent with Rural Development's mission and President Obama's commitment to the future of rural communities," said Dunning. "Appreciation is extended to our federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."



Front row left to right: Josh Hurlburt, Field Representative for Congressman Sam Graves, Brook Balentine, Field Representative for US Senator Claire McCaskill, Janie Dunning, Missouri State Director for Rural Development, Doyle Gray, Burlington Junction Mayor. Back: Jeremy Brady, Rural Development Area Specialist, Neal Miller, Rural Development Area Director, Jim Meyer, Nathan Larabee, Eric Petersen, Scott Conn, Florence Flanary, and Jerry Riley

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