



Rural Housing Service • Community Facility Grant Program

Broadwater Amplifies Emergencies with New Sirens

The Village of Broadwater's emergency warning siren was around 70 years old and starting to malfunction. Even after repairs it was unreliable and not loud enough to alert the entire village. The village needed a reliable way to alert the residents of an emergency situation.

USDA Rural Development was able to secure grant funds in the amount of \$15,500 to assist the village in purchasing a new siren and related hardware to help the village maintain a safe and effective way to alert the village residents in the event of an emergency.

The village was able to purchase a new siren and have it installed on a new pole and secure remote radios so that it can be activated by law enforcement personnel if need be. The residents of Broadwater were reminded how important a working effective siren is when a neighboring town had devastating damage done by a tornado earlier in the year. The use of sirens in inclement weather and during emergency situations can mean the difference between life and death. The village was grateful for being selected to receive such an important public safety device for their community.



New alert system.

Obligation Amount:	\$15,500 Grant
Date of Obligation:	7/20/16
Congressional District:	Representative Smith, District 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse
Partners:	N/A
Demographics:	Village of 128 needed new siren.
Impact:	Village is now able to alert residents of emergency situations.
