



Rural Housing Service • Community Facility Loan and Grant Program

Serving a Rural Community Through a New Ambulance Barn

The Village of Chester is located in Thayer County, Nebraska. The village wanted to construct a designated facility for its ambulance. Prior to the ambulance barn, the ambulance was crowded into the fire barn. There was hardly enough room to walk between the vehicles, and some vehicles resided outdoors. The village felt a designated facility would relieve the overcrowding issue with their emergency response vehicles.

The total cost for the project was \$120,000. USDA Rural Development was able to assist with a \$75,400 loan and a \$40,600 grant. The remaining \$4,000 came from other funding sources.

The project funds constructed a new building, which included footings, concrete, a pre-fabricated building, wiring, restrooms, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, and the driveway for access to the building. The ambulance barn is



Village of Chester Ambulance Building

located in Chester between the existing fire barn and the village office. A small enclosed walkway connects the fire barn to the ambulance barn. The building is divided into two separate sections. One section is an area that is exclusively for the ambulance. The second section contains restrooms, a small kitchen, storage space, and an open area for fire and rescue meetings. The concrete frontage replaced a rock driveway, so safety and curb appeal at the location were increased as well.

Obligation Amount: \$75,400 Loan \$40,600 Grant

Date of Obligation: April 6, 2016

Congressional District: Smith 03, Fischer and Sasse

Partners: Village of Chester

Demographics: Chester with a population of 232, plus surrounding rural area.

Impact: Provide separate storage facility for the ambulance and other fire and rescue equipment.
