



Rural Housing Service • Community Facility Grant Program

## Walthill Public Library A Hub for the Village

The Village of Walthill is located within the reservation boundaries of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska; with a population primarily composed of Native Americans. As with many rural Nebraska communities, the library is a place for residents to gather for educational and community support along with social and family time, especially due to the installation of computers. The existing library was built in the mid 1900's and not large enough to serve the number of patrons. The building had many water leaks due to water runoff, that led to mold and moisture issues. Lighting was insufficient and the flooring was old and quite worn. Electrical service was inadequate for all the computers. There were several Americans with Disabilities Act compliances that needed to be met.

USDA Rural Development provided a grant of \$100,000. The remainder of the \$505,275 budget came from grants thanks to: the Library Foundation, local donations, Department of Environmental Quality-Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Kruetz Family, Tremayne Family, Charter West Bank, Keiwit, Community Development Block Grant, and the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund.



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The funding was used for the renovation of the previously village owned fire barn that today houses the library. These renovations included: repairing the courtyard, replacement of store-front glass, the front door, siding repair and new siding on the west and south sides, new drywall and painting, removal of the drop ceiling, new carpet and vinyl tile, new heating, ventilating and air conditioning and also ducts where needed. The bathrooms were brought up to code/accessibility, and appropriate electrical service allows full usage of the library computers for the community.

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<b>Obligation Amount:</b>	\$100,000 Grant
<b>Date of Obligation:</b>	September 9, 2016
<b>Congressional District:</b>	Smith 03, Fischer and Sasse
<b>Partners:</b>	Library Foundation, local donations, Department of Environmental Quality-Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Kruetz Family, Tremayne Family, Charter West Bank, Keiwit, Community Development Block Grant, and the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund.
<b>Demographics:</b>	Walthill with a population of 780; 631 of the population is Native American.
<b>Impact:</b>	Provide library resources and services to the community at large.

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