

Community Programs • Community Facilities Grant

## Seymour ISD Ups Security with New Cruiser

Seymour ISD provides educational opportunities to the City of Seymour, a small North Texas town with a population of 2,613, and the surrounding Baylor County. With a growing student population of 582, the school district created its own police department to help ensure the safety of students and staff. In the past, the school district has contracted with the local police department and the sheriff's office; however, cuts in their budgets have hindered the district in this process. Due to the increased number of school violence events nationwide, Seymour ISD believes that a new police department is essential in helping ensure the safety of faculty and students.

In its continued efforts to provide a safe learning environment for its students, Seymour ISD sought grant assistance from USDA Rural Development to alleviate the financial burden such efforts had placed on the district and the community it served.

The vehicle purchased by Seymour ISD was a dual-colored, fully equipped 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility. The vehicle was delivered service-ready and came equipped with several custom features such as a carbide siren system, rear bottom-lip lift gate, and Ford PI utility max depth contour console. Additional safety measures were included in the police cruiser that will help to ensure the safety of both the officers and detained individuals. The police cruiser has a Vista HD WiFi system that allows police officers to maintain contact with one another and provide recorded documentation of all interactions with the public. These state-of-the-art features are essential to helping police officers carry out their duties whilst safeguarding the school district and its community.

Public bodies, non-profit organizations and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes can use Community Facilities funds to construct, expand or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services.



*Seymour ISD proudly displaying their new cruiser*

**Obligation Amount:** \$45,000

**Date of Obligation:** May 6, 2020

**Congressional District:** Jackson, 13; Senators Cornyn and Cruz

**Partners:** None

**Demographics:** Rural Texas

**Impact:** Promoting a safe learning environment for students and faculty of Seymour ISD.