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**USDA ARRA Essential Communities Facilities project awards for Virginia announced**

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced on July 29 the selection of \$58.1 million in essential community facilities projects that are being funded immediately by ARRA.

The funding is through [USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program](#), which helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include child care centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation.

Through this program, USDA ensures that such facilities are available to all rural residents. Public bodies and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the loan or grant agreement. More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov).

The Virginia projects receiving ARRA funding through this program are:

- Town of Lawrenceville; \$23,100 grant
- Craig County – Paint Bank Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad; \$2,880 grant
- Richmond County Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.; \$42,000 loan; \$50,000 grant
- Richmond County; \$31,500 loan; \$38,500 grant
- Rugby Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department; \$50,000 grant
- Town of Warsaw; \$10,800 loan; \$13,200 grant

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