

Burchard Awarded USDA Funds for Water Improvements

**(KMZA)--The Pawnee County Village of Burchard has been awarded a \$346,000 loan and grant from USDA Rural Development to make water improvements.**

**The announcement of the funding came in a press release issued Friday by the agency.**

**USDA Rural Development Community Programs Specialist Luann Brown says the funding will help the Village of Burchard improve its water system. Currently, the village has abandoned service lines that are nearly 80 years old. When there is a water leak the village has to shut off the water to the entire town, where more than 20 percent water loss occurs. In addition, Brown says the water tower needs repairing and repainting. Also she says water meters need to be installed.**

**\$87,000 of the funding will be in the form of a 40-year loan at a nearly 1.4 percent interest rate.**

**Village of Burchard Board member Matthew McHenry says the Village is very appreciate of USDA Rural Development's financial assistance and look forward to the start of the project.**

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