

Two local hospitals awarded USDA funding

(MSC News)--USDA Rural Development is investing \$34 million in projects at five rural Kansas hospitals—including Holton and Marysville.

USDA Rural Development State Director Lynne Hinrichsen made the announcement Thursday in a news release.

The release says Rural Health Resources of Jackson County, doing business as the Holton Community Hospital will receive a \$14.6 million loan to expand and renovate the critical access hospital. A two-story health clinic will be built adjacent to the current hospital. Updates to the hospital facility include expansion and renovations to the emergency department, inpatient rooms, specialty clinic, public restrooms, corridors and roof. Additional funding includes a \$2 million USDA Community Facilities loan guarantee and a \$1 million applicant contribution.

In Marysville, the CMH Foundation is receiving a more than \$9.5 million loan to acquire Community Memorial Healthcare's critical access hospital. The Foundation will lease the facility back to the hospital to operate and maintain the campus. The CMH Foundation is a non-profit organization that was formed in 2009 to support health care in Marshall County. The release says the project will help ensure that the hospital can continue to serve the area's 10,000 residents. Additional funding includes a nearly \$6.6 million Community Facilities loan guarantee.

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