



NEWS N' BRIEFS

2021 REAP Recipients

Entity	Title
Sterling	Water System
Jefferson Cty Dist #2	Chip & Seal approx 2 miles of Street
Stephens Cty Dist #1, #2, #3	Fairground Bldg Repair
Chattanooga	Water Tower Interior Rehab
Frederick	Downtown Sidewalks
Amber	Police Garage / Maint Bldg
Tillman Cty Dist #1, #2, #3	Replace Water Valves
Davidson	Fire/Brush Truck
Addington	VFD PPE
Ryan	New Water Meters
Byars	Repair approx 3 miles of streets
Medicine Park	Backup Trash Pump/Lift Station
Tipton	Sewer Line Repair
Central High	Storm Sirens
Fletcher	Automated Utilities
Indiahoma	Sewer System Eval Survey
Hydro	Water System Eval Survey
Wayne	Purchase Jetter & Line Locator
Gracemont	Sewer Lagoon Construction
Caddo Dist #1	Rescue Lake Boat
Alex	New Dog Kennels
Tuttle	Repair approx 2 blocks of sewer lines
Cyril	Repair sewer lines
Rush Springs	Sewer System Eval Survey
Devol	Allevaiting Trihalomethane in Water
Randlett	Sewer Repair/Replacement

REAP Spotlight

City of Anadarko 2019 REAP project.

These are photos of the South David Street in Anadarko. The City of Anadarko requested \$44,667.00 and had a cash match of \$45,000.00. The South David Street was very rough and the base had eroded. The project called for reworking the base of the roadway and replacing the surface with concrete. Also, drainage issues were addressed particularly since the overflow of the water plant continued to contribute to the problem.



Preparing for Future Funding

Most communities will from time to time depend on federal funding to achieve their goals. This requires being eligible to apply for funding from such sources as the Economic Development Administration, Housing and Urban Development and USDA Rural Development grants. So, what are the things communities should do now to prepare for these grants? Tom Zigler lays out a few of the highest priority items each community needs to have ready now. First, and most important - every community needs to have their current audit or agreed-upon procedures to be eligible for



federal funding. If you do not have an auditor or accountant, call us. Second, each community needs to apply for and maintain a DUNS number and ensure you are on the SAMS.gov registry. We can help with that, too. Third, every local government should have an updated five-year plan. If you do not have one, contact Tom and his team. In preparing a five-year plan, it is good to have a Capital

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Improvement Plan. Finally,

**ASCOG Closed for
Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day,
Monday, January
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Public Safety Report

Continuing to watch the weather and hoping for moisture! ISO gradings will also continue with three departments having gradings this month with more to be scheduled. The pandemic is putting a huge stop on other than on-line classes, including HAZMAT and some Fire Fighter One classes which are always a priority with new employees. Inventory will continue through this month as weather allows along with truck inspections. Vaccinations for COVID-19 may start for first responders very soon and departments should be speaking with everyone on this subject! Should you need any questions answered



Rural Development Business Grant awarded to the City of Comanche

ASCOG planners worked with the City of Comanche to apply for two RDGB grants through USDA Rural Development. The first project was the old Comanche motel. The second was the old gas station located at 200 North Rodeo Drive.

Comanche Motel
Project Cost: \$126,000
Acquisition cost \$85,000
Renovation cost \$41,000



200 Rodeo Dr
Project Cost: \$55,000
Acquisition cost - \$26,000



Renovation cost - \$29,000

For assistance on applying for a USDA RDBG, contact Ronald Peel at



Committed to the future of rural communities.

USDA Rural Development Business Grants

What does this program do?

This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.

What is an eligible area?

Rural Business Development Grant money must be used for projects that benefit rural areas or towns outside the urbanized periphery of any city with a population of 50,000 or more.

What kind of funding is available?

There is no maximum grant amount; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. There is no cost sharing requirement. Opportunity grants are limited to up to 10 percent of the total Rural Business Development Grant annual funding.

CARES Act Recovery Efforts Continue

The U.S. Department of Commerce continues to invest in CARES Act recovery assistance to support business recovery and resiliency efforts across Oklahoma. The CARES Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump, provides EDA



with \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. To learn more, contact one of the following planners: for Caddo, Comanche, and Cotton counties – **Shannon Yarbrough** at 580.736.7965; for Jefferson, Grady, and McClain counties – **Ronald Peel** at 580.736.7024; for Stephens and Tillman Counties – **Danielle Carpenter** at 580.736.7969.

Grady County Survey to Help TSET Healthy Living Program

TSET Healthy Living Program is currently working to benefit Grady County residents in lowering health risks including high tobacco use rates, reducing cardiovascular disease, and high cancer rates for Oklahoma residents. TSET is conducting a county-wide Community Needs Assessment which will help them identify the most pressing problems which can be addressed through community action. This data, once compiled, will guide the direction of the TSET Healthy



Living Program and will also be available to community

partners throughout the county for a variety of uses including grant preparation, program information needs, and so on. TSET would appreciate your help.

The survey link is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Grady_CommunitySurvey

ASCOG 2020 REAP Contract Extensions Available

Beginning January 1, 2021, you have six months until completion. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all 2020 REAP contracts that are still open need to e-mail and inform the ASCOG staff on their progress. If you need an extension, please send an e-mail to make such a request.

The ASCOG CED Staff is available to help in any way possible.

Happy New Year!!

ASCOG CED Staff



Area Agency on Aging: AAA Continues Partnerships with Alzheimer's Foundation of America and the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma

The Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce it has been awarded a grant from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in the amount of \$6,000. This funding will provide necessary support for our community education and outreach efforts for caregiver support and other programs which focus on providing assistance to people diagnosed with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

In addition to this ASCOG has been awarded \$71,465.00 from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. The Masonic Grant Program has been renewed for 2021 and this funding provides additional help for low income seniors in our provider

service area to meet needs such as dental, vision, utility, durable medical equipment and much more. Ronnie Ward previously administered this program, and the AAA extends our appreciation to him



for his volunteer service. New applications will be available January 4th and all correspondence will be sent directly to Kristina Manriquez, AAA Director by email at manr_kr@ascog.org or by mail to ASCOG AAA: Attention Kris PO Box 1647, Duncan, OK 73534-1647. Please



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A New Year's Resolution

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A Message from Our Long-Term Care Ombudsman Supervisors

The Oklahoma Living Choice Program can help you move out of a nursing home and back into the community.

This program gives Oklahomans, like you or your loved one, more options to manage your health care needs.



What is The Oklahoma LivingChoice Program?

The Oklahoma Living Choice Program assists Oklahomans wanting to transition out of a nursing home and back into a residence of their own. To date, the program has helped transition over 800 residents back into their communities and has saved the state nearly \$8.5 million in rebalancing funds.

WHO QUALIFIES?

Individuals who currently live in a nursing home and qualify for SoonerCare. This program is specifically designed for persons 19 years and older with physical disabilities, and persons 65 years old and

over. Just because you live with an illness or

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disability doesn't mean you can't enjoy the comforts of your own home.

Services Offered

Depending on an individual's needs, services may include:

- Assistance with finding a new residence
- Home-delivered meals
- Transportation
- Skilled nursing
- Therapy services
- Personal care
- Medication management
- Transitional funds (one-time allotment of up to \$2,400)

WHO CAN MAKE A REFERRAL?

If you or a loved one meets requirements to qualify, then a referral for this program can be made by an individual, family member, a physician or other interested party/person.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE A REFERRAL:

The referred individual's name, address, phone number and Sooner-Care/Medicaid ID number.

HOW IS A REFERRAL MADE?

You may complete and submit a referral online at www.okhca.org/referralHome.aspx?ref=LC

MAILING ADDRESS:

A Good Neighbor



I moved into a new house. A lady from down the street dropped by with a plate of cookies. I asked, "Why did you bring me these cookies?" She replied, "I'm just being a good neighbor." A few months later, I went for a walk. I saw a man mowing two yards. I stopped and asked him if he owned both houses. He said, "No." "Then", I asked, "why do you mow two yards?" He replied, "I'm just being a good neighbor." A few weeks ago I saw a client of mine, a poor man bringing canned goods to the local shelter. I asked him, "Why do you give when you have so little?" He replied, "I'm just being a good neighbor." Today I saw a man wearing a cotton mask over his face while walking by. I asked him, "Why do you wear a mask, we don't have a mask mandate here." He replied, "I'm just being a good neighbor."

T-Mobile for Education Offers Free Internet Access and Mobile Hotspots:

Close the Homework Gap, T-Mobile has stepped up to ensure our kids are staying connected. Families across the United States are facing challenges in 2020 and T-Mobile is stepping up to ensure connectivity is not one of them. T-Mobile launched its T-Mobile 10Million Project just over 6 weeks ago. The 10Million Project, is designed to award 2 million hotspots a year over the next 5 years across the United States. Included with the hotspot is 100 GB of data for a year for a 5-year period. The State of Oklahoma has been awarded 22,000 FREE mobile hotspot devices with education grade filters on all devices to eligible students and currently approximately 1,900 have been distributed.



Each school district across the state is eligible to apply for the hotspots. In order to qualify the students must be in grades K-12, do not have internet at home and a household with at least one child in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Not only is each school district eligible to apply for the hotspots but T-Mobile is offering additional data and tablets at a discounted rate. T-Mobile is offering Chromebook and a laptop at their cost. To learn more visit [T-Mobile.com/P10M](https://www.t-mobile.com/P10M). For more information, click here - <https://www.t-mobile.com/business/education/project-10-million>.