

Press Release

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Richland County Communities Awarded \$3.1 Million in Flood Relief

Richland Center, WI: Richland County Emergency Management Director Darin Gudgeon reports that various projects throughout Richland County are scheduled to receive US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grants to support long-term flood recovery projects. The State of Wisconsin is receiving over \$61 million in additional funds to help communities rebuild from the 2008 floods, and Richland County communities are slated to receive over \$3.1 million in funding.

The City of Richland Center will receive \$1,790,000 to develop a new Senior Center / Community Center to replace the existing Community Center that is in the floodplain of the Pine River, and to install a new flood warning system.

The Village of Lone Rock will receive \$400,000 to rehabilitate their sanitary sewer system.

The Village of Viola will receive \$376,258 to make repairs to their lift station, rehabilitate their sanitary sewer system, and flood proof manholes.

Richland County also submitted requests for various other projects that will receive \$555,000 in funding; including the rehabilitation of 25 rental properties damaged by the 2008 flooding, a culvert replacement in Henrietta Township, aid with correcting health and safety issues of flood damaged businesses in Viola and Lone Rock, and assistance with demolishing a flood damaged building in Viola.

Richland County is very excited to have these funds allocated to our community, as they will enable us to move forward on projects that will in the long-term future mitigate the effects of flooding in our area. These funds will bring much needed relief to the Richland County businesses and municipalities that suffered damage from the floods of 2008.

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