

PRESS RELEASE

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City of Mineola receives Community Assistance Grant

(Mineola, TX) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) is pleased to award the City of Mineola a Community Assistance Grant as part of their FY-2006 Economic Development Initiative. The \$10,000 check presented to the City will be used to leverage local funds to improve their water system infrastructure. “The City of Mineola is working hard to improve our water system to better accommodate families in the City,” stated Mineola City Administrator Dion Miller. “We appreciate SRA’s assistance in partnering with us for this project,” added Miller. The grant received from SRA will be used to replace an old two-inch water line that was installed in the 1940’s. “SRA is proud to partner with the City of Mineola in their efforts to improve the quality of services provided to its customers,” stated SRA General Manager Jerry Clark.



SRA Presents City of Mineola with Community Assistance Grant

From left: Mineola City Administrator Dion Miller, Water Superintendent Ronnie Bradley, SRA Economic Development Manager Ann Galassi and SRA Assistant Upper Basin Regional Manager Butch Choate

Funds provided for the Community Assistance Grant Program must fall within four project categories, which include 1) Water Supply; 2) Wastewater Management; 3) Water Conservation; and 4) Water Quality and are limited to \$10,000 per project.

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Funds for the grant for the City of Mineola were approved by SRA's Board of Directors in March of 2006.

In order to be eligible for the Community Assistance Program, applicants should be a governmental entity (City, County, SUD, MUD or COG) or a non-profit, member-owned Water Supply Corporation and located within the Sabine River Basin of Texas. Water resource projects should be consistent with the statutory mission of SRA-Texas. Created as a conservation and reclamation district in 1949, responsibilities of the Sabine River Authority of Texas are to control, store, preserve and distribute the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary system for useful purposes.

The Sabine River Basin covers a large portion of East Texas with a population of approximately 600,000 in all or part of 21 counties according to U.S. 2000 Census figures. A large portion of that area is rural in nature. "The Sabine River Authority of Texas is providing this grant opportunity to promote the improvement of the quality and quantity of services essential for the development and growth of viable communities within the Sabine River Basin," said SRA General Manager Jerry Clark. "SRA is committed to work in tandem with existing counties, communities and water districts throughout the basin to promote the economic vitality of the region."

The next round of funding for this program will be in July of 2006. For more information about the Community Assistance Program, you may contact Ann Galassi at (409) 746-2192 or email: agalassi@sra.dst.tx.us

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