

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture: Invests \$533,750 to improve access to healthcare for rural residents in Fennimore, Wisconsin

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FENNIMORE, Wis., April 3, 2023 – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director for Wisconsin Julie Lassa, alongside officials from Grant Regional Health Center, today visited Fennimore to help the community celebrate the groundbreaking of a new family practice clinic.

“This is an important project and USDA Rural Development is happy to be part of its development,” said Lassa. “Access to healthcare in rural communities is a priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and is critical to the health and well-being of people living and working in small communities across Wisconsin.” [[Audio: Mp3, 15 seconds, 368KB](#)]

Today’s celebration marks the groundbreaking of a new satellite healthcare facility, thanks in part to a \$533,750 USDA Rural Development Emergency Rural Healthcare Grant (ERHCG). The clinic will provide patients with high-quality healthcare including primary services as well as rehabilitation, X-ray, and lab processing.

The new facility will help employers retain their workforce, including the ability for workers to receive their healthcare in town rather than having to outside of the area, potentially missing more work time or relocating out of the community.

Background:

The [Emergency Rural Health Care Grant Program](#) provides up to \$500 million in

grant funding to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities. The program serves people and businesses in eligible rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less. To learn more about investment resources for rural areas, contact a [USDA Rural Development office](#).

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