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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the City of Collyer has received a \$62,600 grant and a \$55,800 loan to improve the city's water system, while the City of Hillsboro has received a \$1,550,000 grant and a \$1,920,000 loan to upgrade the city's water treatment plant and distribution system. The funding for the two communities was issued through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Offices.

"In order for our small communities to continue to survive, they need to maintain important infrastructure needs such as the treatment plant and connecting water lines," Moran said. "This funding will help the communities of Collyer and Hillsboro complete repairs and update their systems for future generations."

In Collyer, the deterioration of the pipes in the current system has caused numerous water line breaks. The funding will be used to complete improvements to the existing water system.

The funding for Hillsboro will be used to bring the city's water system into compliance with state drinking water standards. More than 10,000 feet of water pipes will be replaced, and the exiting water storage tank will be renovated.

"We in the Hillsboro area are appreciative and thankful for receiving a loan and grant from the Rural Development Agency," Mayor Delores Dalke said. "This financial assistance will make the water plant project more affordable to citizens and businesses in Hillsboro."

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