



Belmond Medical Center Expansion and Renovation Project Funding Approved

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Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced funding for the Belmond Medical Center expansion and renovation Project has been approved. Nancy Gabrielson, CEO Belmond Medical Center stated “Belmond Medical Center is excited to begin this project. We are extremely grateful to the USDA for making this opportunity possible for the community of Belmond and the surrounding service areas. We especially would like to thank Randy Hildreth - Area Director and Preston Sandstrom – Area Specialist, Community Programs at the Regional USDA office. They were very supportive and assisted us almost daily to get to where we are today. Architects, Bergland & Cram and Construction Consultants, Yanik Companies, were instrumental in delivering the project to this present state. The bids will be advertised for the project in the very near future with groundbreaking to begin following the bid awards. Not only will this state-of –the –art facility afford quality patient care for our patients, it will stimulate economic growth in Belmond and North Central Iowa.”

Rural communities in 32 states will benefit from loans and grants provided through the American Recovery Act.

“These projects help rural communities build and upgrade essential infrastructure demonstrate President Obama’s continued efforts to improve the quality of life for rural residents throughout the country.” Vilsack said. “We are seeing towns and communities across America receive significant benefits through the Recovery Act, even as these projects are putting countless people back to work.”

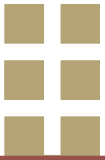
The \$193 million in Recovery Act projects are funded through USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities Program and will be matched with \$68.5 million from other sources. Funding of each loan and grant is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the agreement.

Belmond Medical Center will receive a \$21,600,000 low interest loan to renovate and expand the facility. These dollars will assist BMC with a multi story addition which includes:

- 18 new inpatient rooms
- Surgical suite with two state-of-the-art OR’s as well as a pre-op and post-op recovery area,
- New emergency trauma area with a drive through ambulance bay,
- Combined Cardiopulmonary and Therapy area that includes two patient sleep labs, increased treatment rooms plus an exercise gym.
- Heli-stop on the roof of the facility
- Expanded clinic and Specialty Clinic area

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Our renovation of Lab and Radiology is completed. This provides our patients with a new upgraded 16-slice CT that is housed within the facilities internal radiology suite. With this upgraded 16-slice we are able to do CT's in less time and have increased the types of CT's that are completed at our facility. The Lab also has had their space expanded. The expansion and renovation of these two areas has been completed in such a manner that it will continue to meet the needs of the facility once our large project has been completed.

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