

USDA awards funds for Hiawatha, Vermillion projects

**(KNZA)--USDA Rural Development is investing more than \$5.5 million in loans and grants toward eight community projects across Kansas—including Hiawatha and Vermillion.**

**The announcement was made Wednesday.**

**In Hiawatha, a \$1.64 million loan and a \$995,000 grant will help complete improvements to the city's wastewater collection system. The project will upgrade the system's ability to process wastewater and make needed improvements to the north lift station.**

**In Vermillion, a \$143,000 loan and a \$661,000 grant will help complete the first phase of improvements to the city's water system. The city previously received nearly \$1.3 million in grants and a \$272,000 loan for the project.**

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