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Congressman Rodney Alexander

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ALEXANDER ANNOUNCES HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR CITY OF BASTROP

HUD HAS ALLOCATED GRANT FUNDING TOTALING \$500,000

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced that the City of Bastrop will be awarded \$500,000 through the Hope VI Main Street Award.

This funding, disbursed through HUD, will be directed toward the use of redeveloping main street areas; preservation of historic or traditional architecture or design features in main street areas; enhancement of economic development efforts; and providing affordable housing in main street areas.

"This funding will benefit the City of Bastrop," Alexander added. "It (the grant) will help the City of Bastrop improve housing conditions, which will impact the current living standards for Morehouse Parish residents."

Bastrop Mayor Clarence Hawkins added, "This grant will better help us serve the general population. Achieving this award was accomplished by the efforts of federal, state and local officials. This grant is the boost that the City of Bastrop needs."

For more information on this grant, contact Mayor Hawkins at 318-283-3301.

What: HUD grant totaling \$500,000

Who: City of Bastrop

Contact: Mayor Clarence Hawkins at 318-283-3301