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ALEXANDER ANNOUNCES USDA FUNDING FOR WINN PARISH

RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAS APPROVED GRANT OF \$758,227

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today announced that Winn Parish will receive a grant totaling \$758,227.

The grant, disbursed by United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development, will be used to provide broadband service in the community of Dodson, Louisiana, according to a release from USDA.

Dodson, a village of less than 400 residents, will provide broadband service for its modular community center, the Dodson Town Hall, Dodson Police and Fire Departments, Dodson Family Medical Center, the Winn Parish Library and Dodson High School.

"This will help enhance so many opportunities for Winn Parish and Dodson residents," Alexander said.

"Providing broadband access to our smaller towns and communities is also a step toward economic development."

For more information, contact Jerry Scroggin, with Bayou Internet, Inc., at 318-323-0011.

What: USDA grant totaling \$758,227

Who: Winn Parish

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