

## News Release From . . . Congressman Rodney Alexander

5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Louisiana

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## ALEXANDER, VITTER ANNOUNCE USDA FUNDING GRANT WILL BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF OAK GROVE

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-Louisiana, today announced that the Oak Grove Downtown Development, Inc. will receive a grant totaling \$74,300.

The grant, disbursed by USDA Rural Development, will be used to purchase the Town of Oak Grove's courtyard and make improvements to ultimately enhance the town's appearance.

"This is good news for the residents of Oak Grove," Alexander said. "This is an investment in one of our rural communities and it will reap dividends."

Vitter added, "I'm pleased that USDA Rural Development awarded this grant to Oak Grove. Beautification plays an important role in the process of economic development. First impressions count for a lot, and this funding will help downtown Oak Grove make a good one, and thus bring in new jobs to the area."

## WHAT: USDA GRANT TOTALING \$74,300

## FOR: OAK GROVE DOWTOWN DEVELOPMENT, INC