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Congressman Rodney Alexander

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ALEXANDER, VITTER ANNOUNCE USDA FUNDING FOR FRIENDS OF BASTROP MAIN STREET, INC.

GRANT FUNDING TOTALS \$64,874

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-La., today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved a grant totaling \$64,874.

The grant, disbursed by the Community Facility Loan and Grant Economic Impact Initiative, will be used to make repairs and upgrades to the Tourism and Economic Development Center in Bastrop.

"This grant will help restore and enhance the City of Bastrop," Alexander said.

"I believe that grants similar to this truly help generate economic development."

Vitter added, "I am pleased that U.S. Department of Agriculture made this funding available to Bastrop's Tourism and Economic Development Center. This new and improved center will help grow Bastrop's economy."

What: USDA grant totaling \$64,874

For: Friends of Bastrop Main Street, Inc.

<u>Purpose: To make repairs and upgrades to development center</u>