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Rural Development Finance Corporation Awards Two Grants in Polar Communications Service Area

Polar Communications is a member of the Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC). As a result, communities in our service area were eligible to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 for community-based projects. RDFC is making these funds available in order that more people become aware of their larger loan program that funds community based projects and non-profit entities with low interest loans.

RDFC recently awarded \$1,000 to Fordville Quick Response and \$1,000 to the Lankin Rural Fire Department.

The Fordville Quick Response is affiliated with the Park River Ambulance Service, which is an all-volunteer service that operates 24 hours per day/7 days per week. They assist in Mutual Aid with Valley Ambulance in Grafton and also work with several Quick Response units within the coverage area, which includes Fordville. The RDFC Grant funds will be used to upgrade training equipment for quick response personnel.

The Lankin Rural Fire Department has grown from one fire truck and tank wagon to two fire trucks, tanker, grass truck and rescue unit and provides backup assistance to other fire departments in the county should the need arise. The success of the department stems from the dedication the volunteers give in making themselves available in emergency situations. The RDFC Grant funds will be used to help pay for a new pickup for fighting grass fires and smaller fires.

To learn more about RDFC check out the following link: <http://www.ndarec.com/content/rdfc-rural-development-finance-corporation>. Or, you can contact Lori Capouch, administrator for the program, at 1-800-237-0852.



Brian Udby presents RDFC Grant check to Lankin Rural Fire Department President Francis Praska.

Fordville Quick Response Members Shane Whaley (left) and Ryan Whaley (right) accept RDFC Grant Check from Polar Board Member Jon McMillan.