

PRESS RELEASE

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Shelby County Sewer Service & Water Supply Corporation receives Community Assistance Grant

(Shelbyville, TX) The Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) is pleased to award Shelby County Sewer Service & Water Supply Corporation (SSWSC) a Community Assistance Grant as part of their FY-2007 Economic Development Initiative. The \$10,000 check will be used to leverage local funds to address the

sewage treatment problems in the SSWSC's service area. "Shelby County SSWSC is working hard to improve the wastewater treatment systems in our community," stated SSWSC President Joey Lawson. "We appreciate SRA's assistance in partnering with us for this project," added Lawson. The grant received from SRA will be combined with local funds to prepare engineering reports that will be used to request permanent funding to build a community sewer system. "SRA is proud to partner with Shelby County SSWSC in their efforts to improve wastewater services to families in their service area," stated SRA General Manager Jerry Clark.



SRA Presents Shelby County SSWSC Community Assistance Grant

From left: SSWSC Board Members Duane Lout and Kevin Parker, SRA Board Member Sammy Dance, SRA Manager of Economic Development Ann Galassi, SSWSC Board Members Joev Lawson, Vickv Warren and Mark Leach

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Funds provided for the Community Assistance Grant Program must fall within four project categories, which include 1) Water Supply; 2) Wastewater Management; 3) Water Conservation; and 4) Water Quality and are limited to \$10,000 per project. Funds for the grant for Shelby County SSWSC were approved by SRA's Board of Directors in March of 2007.

In order to be eligible for the Community Assistance Program, applicants should be a governmental entity (City, County, SUD, MUD or COG) or a non-profit, member-owned Water Supply Corporation and located within the Sabine River Basin of Texas. Water resource projects should be consistent with the statutory mission of SRA-Texas. Created as a conservation and reclamation district in 1949, responsibilities of the Sabine River Authority of Texas are to control, store, preserve and distribute the waters of the Sabine River and its tributary system for useful purposes.

The Sabine River Basin covers a large portion of East Texas with a population of approximately 600,000 in all or part of 21 counties according to U.S. 2000 Census figures. A large portion of that area is rural in nature. "The Sabine River Authority of Texas is providing this grant opportunity to promote the improvement of the quality and quantity of services essential for the development and growth of viable communities within the Sabine River Basin," said SRA General Manager Jerry Clark. "SRA is committed to work in tandem with existing counties, communities and water districts throughout the basin to promote the economic vitality of the region."

The next round of funding for this program will be in July of 2007. For more information about the Community Assistance Program, you may contact Ann Galassi at (409) 746-2192 or email: agalassi@sratx.org

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