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ACOG Awards \$436k in Grants to Rural Oklahoma Communities



OKLAHOMA CITY --- The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) has awarded more than \$436,000 in [Rural Economic Action Plan \(REAP\) grants](#) to communities in Central Oklahoma.

- **Mulhall** was awarded more than \$50,000 to resurface several streets with two inches of asphalt.
- **Cedar Valley** was awarded more than \$96,000 for road repairs and improvements.
- **Canadian County District 3** was awarded \$100,000 for asphalt resurfacing of several streets in the town of **Calumet**.
- **Oklahoma County District 3** was awarded \$55,000 for a drainage and mobility project in the Town of Arcadia
- **Langston** was awarded \$100,000 for street surfacing, resurfacing, construction and repairs.
- **Logan County District #3** was awarded more than \$34,000 for resurfacing of portions of Coltrane Road.

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The Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant was created through legislation in 1996 to improve life in rural Oklahoma. Its purpose is to assist small communities, towns, counties and unincorporated with populations under 7,000, and which have little or no funding capabilities. REAP grants fund a variety of projects that enhance economic development, promote intergovernmental cooperation, promote and enhance public health and safety, and/or implement regional or local plans.

In May, the Oklahoma State Legislature appropriated nearly \$9.2 million to the REAP program for FY18. The funding included a 4.2 percent cut over the FY17 REAP appropriation. According to state statute, Oklahoma's 11 councils of governments manage the REAP application and granting process for eligible entities within their respective regions. Initial distribution of funds is managed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce along with oversight and monitoring.

For more information about REAP grants from ACOG, please contact Barbara Hurdman, REAP Coordinator, (405) 234-2264.

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