

Grant County 2018 REAP Grant Completed

Grant County District 2 recently completed a matching FY-2018 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant administered through Northern Oklahoma Development Authority (NODA). The project justification was to increase the safety of school bus routes by upgrading shale roads to rock roads.

NODA is a regional council of governments comprised of local governments voluntarily joining together to work on common interests for the greater economy of each entity and the benefit of all. The Authority membership is made up of the counties of Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Major, and Noble and all cities and towns having some jurisdiction within the eight listed counties.

Grant County was awarded \$50,000 REAP funding while the county matched an additional \$84,000 in cash highway funds to rock approximately 6-miles in four different areas within the District 2 area. NODA received a total of 36 REAP applications whereas 17 projects tallying over \$933,000 were funded.

“Safety has always been a high priority when selecting road projects,” said Cindy Bobbitt, Grant County District 2 Commissioner. “The REAP Grant goals set out immediate, concrete actions and provided a long-term strategic framework that helped improve the safety of several rural school bus routes.”

The Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant was designed by the legislators in 1996 to assist small communities, towns, and counties that have little or no funding capabilities. REAP funds may be applied for and used on various projects including street repairs, infrastructure improvements, economic development, rural fire departments, and other projects that improve the quality of life in rural Oklahoma.

This REAP project was developed by those who live and work in Grant County, by those who best know our unique challenges and the unique assets we have to meet those challenges. Over 9,500 tons of rock was placed on these roads along with in-kind usage of heavy equipment including graders and packers as well as employee time to complete the overall context of the project.

Commissioner Bobbitt stated, “By linking existing major collector roads, Grant County was able to increase our overall safety and rural infrastructure capacity, and this will also ultimately help grow our local economy.”

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2018 REAP Grant Pictures



Picture 1: Final laying of rock – County Road 1100 north of Logan Road



Picture 2: Windrowing rock on County Road 980 south of Highway 11