

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE City of Cuba Awarded Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Development Grant for Mobile Healthcare Initiative

CUBA, IL – The City of Cuba has been awarded funding through the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Rural Development Grant Program to support a new mobile healthcare initiative aimed at improving access to care for residents across rural Fulton County and the surrounding region.

The project, developed through a partnership between the City of Cuba and OSF HealthCare, will establish a centralized facility to house a mobile healthcare unit. The unit will travel throughout Fulton County, delivering essential medical services directly to rural communities where access to care is often limited.

“This project is about meeting people where they are,” said Douglas Falk, Finance Chair and Alderman for the City of Cuba, who completed the grant application. “In a county as large and rural as ours, transportation and distance can be real barriers to healthcare. This mobile unit will bring services directly to residents and help fill critical gaps.”

Fulton County spans a large geographic area with a population of approximately 30,000 residents—many of whom live in small communities or rural settings. The mobile healthcare unit is expected to serve not only the general public but also the county’s agricultural population, including more than 1,600 Farm Bureau members.

The IFB Rural Development Grant Program provides funding to support community-driven projects that enhance quality of life in rural Illinois, including healthcare access, infrastructure, and economic development initiatives.

“This is exactly the kind of forward-thinking, collaborative project these grants are meant to support,” said Elaine Stone, Manager of the Fulton County Farm Bureau. “By partnering with local government and healthcare providers, this initiative will make a meaningful difference in the lives of rural residents and strengthen the overall health of our communities.”

As part of the project, the City of Cuba will construct a facility to house the mobile unit, including utilities and infrastructure needed to support its operation. OSF HealthCare will provide the mobile unit and staff to deliver services throughout the county.

The grant funding will help move the project forward as partners continue working toward implementation. Once operational, the mobile healthcare unit is expected to significantly expand access to care and improve health outcomes across Fulton County.



Shown accepting the check for the City of Cuba’s Mobile Healthcare Initiative from Fulton County Farm Bureau President Keely Wilcoxon (far right) are Alderman Tim Yocum, Treasurer Kylie Yocum, Alderman Scott Scharping, Alderman Doug Falk, and Clerk Smanatha Woods.