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USDA ANNOUNCES \$1.4 MILLION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEBRASKA
Funds to Assist With Community Infrastructure

Kearney, Neb., March 6, 2002 – Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Mike Neruda while visiting Nebraska this week, announced the selection of over \$1.4 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture funds that will assist in the development of community infrastructure in rural Nebraska.

“These loans and grants are vital to rural Nebraska,” stated Neruda. “Safe and sanitary drinking water and sewer services are critical to all rural Americans. USDA recognizes this and is ready to assist.”

The following funding announcements were made during Neruda's visit to Nebraska:

Village of Maywood - \$862,000 water loan and grant (\$479,000 loan/\$383,000 grant). Funds will allow for needed water system improvements, ensuring the continued delivery of safe and dependable water services to Maywood's 331 residents.

Village of Holbrook - \$200,600 wastewater loan and grant (\$131,000 loan/\$69,600 grant). Dollars will assist village to complete needed sewer system improvements securing safe and sanitary sewer services to its 225 residents.

Village of Dannebrog - \$417,000 wastewater loan and grant (\$325,000 loan/\$92,000 grant). Monies to help with sewer system improvements providing for safe and dependable sanitary sewer services to Dannebrog's 352 residents.

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