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Colorado —Rural Housing Service

# Community Building

## Creating Options for Preschool Children

### Outline Of Need:

Local families in the Bayfield and surrounding areas are currently underserved by affordable options for preschool education.

### How Rural Development Helped:

The education center in Bayfield is at capacity and dozens of children are on the waiting list. The entity needed to expand and USDA Rural Development helped by awarding the Bayfield Early Education Program (BEEP) a \$500,000 Loan and \$200,000 Grant through the Community Facility Program to purchase land and construct an early education center.

### The Results:

Through the funding provided by Rural Development the entity purchased land and began construction of the new 7000 square foot building. Construction is expected to be completed by early Summer 2011. The current school encompasses three classrooms and serves nearly 100 children. Once complete, the new



Sign from current location of BEEP and construction of new building.

## Fast Facts

**Program:** Community Facility Loan and Grant Program

**Investment:** \$500,000 Loan and \$200,000 Grant

**Partners:** Bayfield Early Education Program

**Demographics**

Rural Population: 2087

**Impact:**

- Project was truly a partnership. Project total was \$1.6 million. Other funding was provided by: Division of Local Affairs \$450,000 Grant, \$203,050 in grants from El Pomar, Daniel's Fund, La Plata Electric, Rotary, Southern Utes, Qualistar, Ballantine, and Temple Buell, and \$206,433 in applicant contribution.

building will include four preschool classrooms. This new facility will double the amount of children that can be served in this rural community and alleviate the current wait list. This community is growing steadily, as Bayfield housing prices for young families continue to be less than those in the Durango, Colorado area. The addition of this facility will allow additional educational and daycare opportunities for working families in the community.

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