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New Mexico—Rural Housing Service

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Expanded Library Comes to Bayard, New Mexico

Outline Of Need:

The 2,000 residents living in and around the mining town of Bayard, New Mexico located in southwestern New Mexico have outgrown their very small library.

How Rural Development Helped:

The community needed \$1-million to complete the project they had envisioned. To get this money they applied for and received funds from the State of New Mexico and through HUD's CDBG funds. To complete the funding for this project the community turned to USDA Rural Development which was ultimately provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds allotted to USDA Rural Development in New Mexico.

The Results:

The partnership between HUD, the State of New Mexico and USDA RD has allowed the community to expanded and remodeled its old outdated library.

Fast Facts

Congressional District: Pearce NM 2nd

Program: Community Facility Program

Investment: \$370,000 USDA RD ARRA Loan/Grant

\$500,000 HUD CDBG

\$130,000 State of NM Legislative Appropriation

Partners: Village of Bayard

HUD State of New Mexico

Demographics: Median household income (2008) \$27,331
for New Mexico \$43,508

Impact:

- Expanded educational opportunities because computers connected to the internet will be provided
- Expanded community services
- Better learning environment
- Expanded quality of life



USDA Rural Development State Director Terry Brunner (right) is given a tour of the construction of the Bayard, New Mexico library by architect Tim Grattan who designed the \$1-million addition to the Bayard, New Mexico library.

The addition to the old library is approximately 3,400 square feet. The expansion is being made to the existing single story library which will house a librarian's office, reception desk, new restrooms, new reading areas, a children's study area, computer study areas, and a multi-function room.

The improvements also include upgrades to the existing library including interior lighting and new floor/wall finishes, new roofing and new exterior doors and windows. New furniture and book stacks will also be purchased for both the new and existing facility. Construction is nearly complete and the opening of the library is expected the first week of November 2011.

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