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Texas—Rural Housing Service

Alternative Energy

Small Town Apartment Complex Going Green

Outline of Need:

Holland Apartments is the only affordable housing apartment complex in the small Central Texas City of Holland. The units are in constant demand among families and seniors alike, and the property was showing its age. It was greatly in need of a face lift and residents had no common area available for meetings and activities

How Rural Development Helped:

Rural Development, working with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, was able to rehabilitate the property. There were also able to incorporate “green energy” on the property. Solar panels were installed on all buildings, including the newly completed office and community room. Residents should benefit by greatly reduced energy costs. New solar fueled water heaters, high efficiency HVAC units, new double pane, insulated windows, storm doors, refrigerators and ranges will also contribute to reduced energy costs.

The Results:

Estimates are that the solar panels will generate enough energy to operate the community room/office at no expense. Solar fueled water heaters will also



Holland Apartments have a new community room. The complex is now utilizing solar panels for greater energy efficiency, resulting in lower utility bills for it's residents.

reduce property expenses. Solar panels on each apartment building will greatly reduce the amount of electricity used by residents, so that funds normally used to pay higher electric utilities will be made available for other budget areas.

All 68 families should find it more affordable and more enjoyable to live in the newly refurbished apartments. The City of Holland has an apartment property that promotes and represents Holland well in the surrounding area, as well as setting an example to the community of innovative ways to incorporate alternative energy sources.

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Fast Facts

Program: Multi-Family Housing

Investment: \$2,965,582 TDHCA Loan

Congressional District: 31

Partners: Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs

Demographics

City of Holland—Bell County

Rural Population—1102

Impact:

- 68 families served

