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Texas—Rural Business Cooperative Service

Strategic Partners

DCOS Partners with USDA Rural Development

Outline Of Need:

Small businesses need access to affordable loans at reasonable rates and terms.

How Rural Development Helped:

Rural Development provided \$99,000 in grant funds to the Development Corporation of Snyder to establish a revolving loan fund.

The Results:

The Development Corporation of Snyder was seeking different opportunities to help businesses in the Snyder area. In early January 2011, Area Director John Powell from USDA Rural Development met with Bill Lavers, Executive Director of the Development Corporation of Snyder, Melissa Elam, Executive Director, Snyder Chamber of Commerce, and Merle Taylor, Snyder City Manager. The rural town of Snyder has a population of 10,783 and is located at the junction of US Highways 84 and 180, 87 miles South of Lubbock.



After discussing various Agency programs, the Development Corporation of Snyder applied for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant. This program is designed to help small businesses by providing them with affordable access to capital. In June 2011, the Development Corporation of Snyder awarded a Rural Business Enterprise Grant in the amount of \$99,000. This grant will be coupled with matching funds from the Development Corporation to provide \$198,000 in loan funds that will be available to local small and emerging businesses. A local loan committee has been set up by the Development Corporation of Snyder to review loan applications for this program. Loans will be available to small and emerging businesses in the Snyder area that meet the qualifications of the program. Traditionally, lenders are less than enthusiastic about lending to small and emerging businesses especially for small loan amounts. By partnering with USDA Rural Development, the Development Corporation of Snyder will provide an increased access to capital, create jobs and help small businesses grow in rural West Texas.

The loan funds made available through this program will be loaned on a first come first served basis. Once those funds are paid back by their original borrowers they will be available to be lent to other small businesses in the area. The idea of a revolving loan program is that these funds could be lent over and over again.

Fast Facts

The Rural Business Enterprise Grant is available to rural public entities including non profit corporations, cities, towns and Indian tribes.

Program: Rural Business Enterprise Grant

Investment: \$99,000 Grant

Congressional District: 11

Partners: Development Corporation of Snyder, Snyder, Texas

Demographics

Rural Population—10,783

Impact: \$198,000 available to rural small businesses in the Snyder, TX area

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