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Upper Valley Recreational Authority, Inc. Approved For Rural Development Grant

Morgantown, WV – July 22, 2010: State Director **Bobby Lewis** announces that **Rural Development** approved a Community Facilities Economic Impact Initiative Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for Upper Valley Recreational Authority, Inc., Randolph County, WV.

“Rural Development funds will be used to assist with interior work to the Valley Head Community Center. Initial construction of the center began in 2000 and is ongoing. This phase of construction will complete the kitchen, pantry and the computer/multi-purpose room of the facility.

“Once completed, the Center will be available for after school programs, social gatherings, community events, meetings and, if needed, an emergency facility in case of catastrophic occurrences,” stated Lewis.

Through the Community Facilities Programs, assistance is provided to facilities such as libraries, schools, senior centers, and First Responders (e.g., ambulance services, hospitals), using a variety of programs that assist in funding construction, operating costs, repairs and equipment.

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