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CITY OF GRAMBLING RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP RESIDENTS MAKE HOME REPAIRS State Director Clyde Holloway Presents USDA Rural Development Funds

GRAMBLING, February 12, 2008 – USDA Rural Development State Director Clyde C. Holloway presented the City of Grambling \$135,028 in Housing Preservation Grant funds today during ceremonies in Grambling. The city will use these funds to assist low-income homeowners to repair and rehabilitate their homes.

"This is the second year I have visited Mayor Andrus to present Housing Preservation Grant funds—and the third year Grambling has been awarded this grant," said Holloway. "Through this grant, Rural Development is helping people who need to make critical repairs to their homes, but lack the money to do so."

USDA's Rural Development provides financial assistance to sponsoring organizations, such as the City of Grambling, to assist in the repair and/or rehabilitation of single-family and rental residences located in rural communities. Sponsors who administer the grant funds can include state agencies, units of local government, Native American tribes, and nonprofit organizations.

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