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ST. LANDRY PARISH COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP RESIDENTS MAKE HOME REPAIRS State Director Clyde Holloway Presents USDA Rural Development Funds

OPELOUSAS, November 14, 2007 – USDA Rural Development State Director Clyde C. Holloway visited Opelousas today to present \$135,028 in USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant funds to the St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency. The community action agency will use the funds to assist up to 24 low-income homeowners repair and rehabilitate their homes.

"USDA Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant Program helps protect the health and safety of people who live in rural areas and lack financial resources to make housing repairs," said Clyde C. Holloway. "I am pleased to award this grant to the St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency—it will be welcome news for area residents."

USDA's Rural Development provides financial assistance to sponsoring organizations, such as the St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency, 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.

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. The USDA Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, and the telephone number is (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development's loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>. USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender, provider, and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-9140.

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