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KULM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$120,000

BISMARCK, May 11, 2007—Clare Carlson, state director for USDA Rural Development, announced the award of a \$53,500 loan and \$66,500 grant to Kulm Volunteer Fire Department through Rural Development's Community Facility Loan and Grant Program. The funds will be used to purchase a pumper/tanker truck. The loan will have a 15-year repayment at 4.50 percent interest.

In Fiscal Year 2006, USDA Rural Development provided over **\$56.6 million** in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens.

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