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TWO PROJECTS GET GRANTS

Bismarck, July 3, 2007 — Clare Carlson, state director with the USDA Rural Development in North Dakota, says that \$158,400 has been awarded to two projects.

The funds are being provided by the USDA Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant program through the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) and Rural Economic Area Partnership.

The projects are:

- ✓ Purchase of restaurant equipment and building improvements for \$58,400 sponsored by the Finley Economic Development Corporation.
- ✓ Anishinabe Trading Post for \$100,000 sponsored by the Turtle Mountain Community College.

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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