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USDA OFFICIALS MAKE STOP AT BERTHOLD

Berthold Housing receives USDA funds to refurbish.

Berthold, September 20, 2004. . . Shane Goettle, chief of staff for the Office of the Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development, today joined USDA Rural Development State Director, for North Dakota, Clare Carlson, in a check presentation to the Berthold Housing Corporation, located in Berthold, North Dakota.

The check for \$68,100 represents a Multi-family Housing 515 loan, which is administered through USDA Rural Development's Rural Housing Program.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be here today to make this check presentation to the Berthold Housing Corporation," Goettle said. "This is another example of the commitment that President George Bush and the Bush Administration have to the future of rural America."

The rehabilitation funds were used primarily for repairs to the existing structure. Repairs included the replacing of the existing siding, kitchen cabinets, appliances such as refrigerators and stoves, doors, and the installation of new flow coverings, vanities, sinks, and bath tubs.

The Berthold Housing Corporation has successfully operated the 4-unit family apartment complex since 1969. Rehabilitation of the complex was completed in August, 2004, and is fully occupied.

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