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USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan and Grant Workshop To Be Held

Norfolk, Neb., May 13, 2004 – USDA Rural Development will hold a Community Facilities Loan and Grant Workshop that is open to the public on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the Resource Conservation and Development conference room located at 702 East Park Avenue (East edge of Plainview on Hwy 20) in Plainview, Neb.

The workshop is designed to give assistance to community based non profit groups and communities that are interested in USDA Rural Development Community Facilities loans and grants. Community Facilities Economic Impact Initiative grant applications to be considered for Fiscal Year 2004 funding must be received by the USDA Rural Development by Friday, May 28, 2004. Anyone in need of assistance to meet this deadline should plan to attend the workshop.

USDA Rural Development assisted in funding 12 Nebraska projects in Fiscal Year 2003 with Economic Impact Initiative Grants totaling nearly \$455,000. Available in Fiscal Year 2004 for Community Facilities Economic Impact Initiative Grants is approximately \$20.8 million that will be awarded nationwide by the National Office.

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