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## Rural Development Loan Helps Fund Equipment Purchase

**COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 16, 2007** – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$44,000 Community Facilities loan to Brown Township in Carroll, Ohio. The township will use the funding to purchase a new dump truck and mower to help maintain the township's roadways.

“These modest, but necessary community expenditures represent the basis of what Rural Development's Community Facilities program focuses on,” said Hunt. “Sometimes it's difficult to budget for these items and we're fortunate our program provides an additional resource to meet the needs of rural Ohioans.”

Rural Development previously awarded Brown Township additional financing of \$88,000 to help with equipment purchases. A total of \$132,000 in financial assistance has been provided to the township during this year.

The Community Facilities Program uses grants and loans to help communities develop essential facilities for public use. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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