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## Rural Development Awards \$1.3 Million to Upgrade Butler County's Servicing Capacity

**COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 21, 2007** – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$1,300,000 financing package to Butler County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Community Facility Loan and Grant Program and will be used to purchase new vehicles and equipment to better serve Butler County residents.

"Rural communities have a consistent need to upgrade and maintain equipment in order to provide essential services to their residents," said Hunt. "Our Community Facility Program provides another tool for community leaders to meet the growing needs of its citizenry."

The Community Facility Program uses grants and loans to help communities develop essential facilities for public use. These facilities include 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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