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Rural Development Funding Helps Improve Community's Service Response Capabilities

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 29, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$685,000 loan to Firelands Ambulance Service in Huron County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Community Facility Loan and Grant Program and will be used to help finance the expansion of their current building.

"Locating operations in adequate spacing is always a concern for rural service responders," said Hunt. "Facility expansions like this one definitely improve both operational efficiency and local response times."

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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