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Rural Development Finances Equipment Purchase

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 6, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$165,000 financing package to the Village of Port William in Clinton County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program and will be used to purchase a new rescue truck for the village's fire department.

"Rural Development is pleased to offer a program that helps communities fulfill essential first responder needs like these," said Hunt. "The village's leadership certainly understands the need to address the safety concerns of their residents."

The Community Facilities 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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