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## USDA Rural Development Awards Funding to Brown Township

**COLUMBUS, OHIO, Mar. 7, 2007** – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced approval of an \$88,000 Community Facilities grant to Brown Township in Carroll County, Ohio. The township will use the funding to purchase a new dump truck and mower to help with road maintenance.

“Rural communities face similar challenges in providing services to their citizens,” said Hunt. “Our Community Facilities Program provides an additional resource to help them plan and ensure local needs are met.”

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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