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Rural Development Funding Furnishes Senior Center

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 17, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$32,100 Community Facilities Program grant to the Shelby Senior Citizens Center, Inc., in Richland County, Ohio. The center will use the funding to purchase kitchen equipment and furnishings.

“Ohio’s need for quality senior care facilities remains strong,” said Hunt. “Our Community Facilities Program provides funding for communities and organizations grappling with a variety of development projects. Furnishing the Shelby is Rural Development’s way of helping the community meet its needs.”

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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