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Rural Development Funds Purchase of Senior Center

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 18, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of an \$880,000 Community Facilities Program financing package to the Holmes County Council on Aging, Inc., in Holmes County, Ohio. The council will use the funding to purchase and renovate a building to house the Holmes County Senior Citizens Center.

“As the population of seniors in Ohio and the nation continues to grow, so does the need for desirable facilities where they can meet and hold activities,” said Hunt. “Working with communities to develop these kinds of servicing capacities is what Rural Development’s programs are designed to do.”

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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