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Fayette County Leadership Accepts \$1.9 Million Rural Development Award to Fund Court House Renovations

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Sept. 24, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development joined Fayette County's leadership to celebrate the award of \$1,900,000 in Rural Development funding to pay for renovation and preservation of the Fayette County's historic court house.

"The partnership we share with Fayette County's leadership positions us to help with projects focused on preserving the county's historic heritage," said Hunt. "Working cooperatively with community leaders and residents to transform their local development visions into reality is what Rural Development's mission is truly about.

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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