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Rural Development Finances Lake County's Community Service Efforts

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 17, 2008 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$66,000 financing package to Extended Housing, Inc. in Lake County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Community Facility Loan and Grant Program and will be used to help purchase a maintenance van, equipment and office furnishings to provide housing services for Lake County residents with special needs.

"Securing funding options for projects dedicated to providing services to Ohioans with special needs is frequently challenging," said Hunt. "Our Community Facility Program provides additional revenue that can help organizations who work to ensure a meaningful quality of life for all Ohioans."

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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