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Rural Development Funding Helps Holmes County Community with Road Maintenance

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 18, 2008 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$55,000 financing package to Paint Township in Holmes County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Community Facility Loan and Grant Program and will be used to purchase a new truck and plow to help with maintenance of the township's roads.

"Rural communities must often deliver a variety of local services using very small budgets," said Hunt. "When those budgets are squeezed, our Community Facility Program can help provide supplemental funding to help with critical equipment purchases like this one."

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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