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Rural Development Funding Supports Village of Rock Creek's Building Renovation Costs

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Dec. 28, 2007 – Randall Hunt, state director for USDA Rural Development announced today approval of a \$30,000 grant to the Village of Rock Creek in Ashtabula County, Ohio. The funding is from Rural Development's Community Facility Loan and Grant Program and will be used to help with building renovation costs.

"Rural communities have an ever-present need to develop community assets for public use," said Hunt. "Our Community Facility Program helps community leaders fill in the gaps when developing budgets to fund priority projects."

The renovated building will be used as a community center that will include after-school child care, adult day care programs and an emergency shelter. The Village added \$170,000 to bring the total project cost to \$200,000.

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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