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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CITY OF HONDO

**CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, January 7, 2009**—Scooter Brockette, USDA Rural Development Acting State Director, announced today the City of Hondo was selected to receive \$45,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Grant Program. The grant funds will be used to assist the City in purchasing three patrol vehicles for the City of Hondo Police Department.

“This funding will assist the Hondo Police Department in maintaining a safe environment for the citizens of the City of Hondo,” said Brockette. “USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them provide valuable services to their residents.”

In Fiscal Year 2008, a total of \$491,000 in Community Facility Grants was obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. These programs are important because they supply a number of growth opportunities to communities with improved utility facilities, increased job availability, and technology and educational resources.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Fredericksburg Sub-Area Office at (830) 997-8902, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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