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## News Release

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### **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR MAXWELL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Seguin, Texas, June 23, 2003** -- Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development announced that Maxwell Community Volunteer Fire Department has received a \$53,800 loan and grant through the agency's Community Facilities program. The effort is part of USDA Rural Development's national program to help rural areas build and enhance essential community facilities.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Daniel. "Rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

The funds will be used to complete its new fire station and community building. The fire station will serve the residents of Maxwell, and surrounding area. The population of the service area is 3,800.

In Fiscal Year 2002, a total of 38 projects totaling \$12,014,097 were obligated. Community Facilities funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services. These loans and grants are made to public entities and non-profit organizations. Examples of eligible projects include rural healthcare clinics, town halls, fire trucks, county safety equipment, jaws of life, early warning systems, community centers, libraries, day care centers, and schools.

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