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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR FISHER COUNTY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Rotan, Texas, September 30, 2003— Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announces today that the Fisher County Health Care Development Corporation received a $835,188 loan and a $250,000 guaranteed loan through the agency's Community Facilities Loan program. The effort is part of USDA's Rural Development's national program to help provide 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 for an assisted living center. The proposed assisted living center will consist of a total of 14 residential units, 8 studios, and 6-one bedrooms. It will also have a full kitchen, common dinning area, activity area, spacious living area, beauty salon, and laundry facilities for the residents.

In Fiscal Year 2003, a total of $15.2 million in direct and guaranteed loans were obligated. Community Facilities loan 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.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Abilene Local Office at: (325)690-6162, Ext. 4.

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