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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CITY OF POTEET

**Poteet, Texas, May 25, 2004** – Bryan Daniel, Texas USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of Poteet received a \$2,325,000 loan. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

“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 improve the City’s streets, paving approximately 15,950 linear feet of gravel roads in high growth areas, and repave approximately 47,750 linear feet of existing pavement. Approximately 12 miles of roadways will be improved. The City of Poteet has approximately 3,305 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 Seguin Local Office at 830-372-1043, Ext. 4.

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