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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS \$2,400,000 TO THE CITY OF GORDON

GORDON, TEXAS, May 26, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of Gordon was awarded \$2,400,000 through the agency's Community Programs Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant program. The funds will be used to construct a facultative lagoon wastewater treatment plant. 263 users will be served by this project. To highlight this event, a ceremonial check will be presented to the Honorable Pat Sublett, Mayor of Gordon.

"The funds we are providing the City of Gordon will help meet the needs of the community and protect the environment," said Daniel. "This type of facility is important for the health and safety of rural residents and it will enable the community to eliminate individual septic systems and utilize a reliable and updated wastewater treatment plant."

USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operating on a non-profit basis and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by funding new and improved water and wastewater facilities, providing funds to governmental entities, non-profit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 with a mission to use our resources to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Cleburne office at (817) 641-4481, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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