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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF HENDERSON

**HENDERSON, TEXAS, June 2, 2005** - Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of Henderson was selected to receive a \$2,400 grant through the agency's Community Facilities program. The funds will be used to assist the City of Henderson's fire department to purchase and equip a Pumper truck. To highlight this event, a ceremonial check will be presented to Mayor John Fullen.

"This funding will make it possible for the local fire department to upgrade equipment, improve emergency response time, and effectively protect and serve the City of Henderson," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them ensure the safety of their citizens."

USDA Rural Development's community programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities 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. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's community programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 840,000 households in the process.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global marketplace, by providing programs that assist rural Americans in building strong economies and to improve their quality of life. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Henderson office at (903) 657-8221, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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