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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS \$12,500 GRANT TO THE CITY OF NEW LONDON

**NEW LONDON, TEXAS, June 2, 2005** – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of New London is being awarded a \$12,500 grant through the agency's Community Facilities Program. The funds will enable the city to purchase a new patrol car for local law enforcement. To highlight this event, a ceremonial check will be presented to Mayor Mollie Ward.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to providing financial assistance to rural towns and communities so they can provide an improved level of public safety for their residents,” Daniel said. “The funding provided by USDA Rural Development will give the residents of New London an increased sense of security, knowing they are receiving the best possible emergency response services.”

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs are designed to enhance the quality of life for residents 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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