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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR FORT STOCKTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS, August 18, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced that Fort Stockton Independent School District has been selected to receive a \$35,000 grant through the agency’s Community Facilities Grant Program. The funds will be used to assist in the purchase of playground equipment for Apache Elementary School. The current equipment was installed when the school was built in 1967. To highlight this funding, a ceremonial check will be presented to Ray Chapa, Fort Stockton ISD School Board President. The presentation will take place during a luncheon being held on Thursday, August 18, 2005, at noon, located in Rooney Park, in the Community Hall, Hwy. 285 South, Fort Stockton, Texas.

“It is the goal of USDA Rural Development to assist all rural communities through our numerous programs, especially where it comes to the welfare of our children. The updated equipment will be great fun for the kids at Apache Elementary School while increasing the safety on the playground,” said Daniel. “Texans can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents.”

USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities grant 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.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Fort Stockton Local Office at 432-336-7585, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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