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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF INGRAM

INGRAM, TEXAS, August 8, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of Ingram has been selected to receive a \$3,162,772 grant from the agency's Water and Waste Disposal Section 306C Colonia Grant Program. The funds from the grant will be used for the construction of a wastewater collection system. To highlight this funding, a ceremonial check will be presented to the Honorable Monroe Schlabach, Mayor of the City of Ingram. The event will be held Monday, August 8, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., Ingram City Hall, located at 214 Hwy. 39, Ingram, Texas.

“USDA Rural Development drinking water and waste water treatment programs target public health benefits and economic opportunities in America's rural communities,” said Daniel. “These funds will enable the City of Ingram to update from individual septic systems to a wastewater collection system, and ensure that the community remains a safe and healthy place to live.”

The proposed construction of the new wastewater collection system will allow for Ingram residents, who currently have individual septic systems, to connect to a modern, maintained system. The new system will remove the safety and health hazards of the individual septic systems and will minimize water contamination risks. The City of Kerrville will provide treatment for the wastewater collection system.

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs provide funding for construction, improvement, or expansion of water and waste disposal systems, telecommunication and education resources, and necessary community facilities.

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 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 further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Fredericksburg Local Office at (830) 997-8902, Ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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