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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY OF EDWARDS

ROCKSPRINGS, TEXAS, October 11, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced the County of Edwards will receive a \$1,404,000 loan and grant through the agency's Community Facilities Program. The funds will be used to construct a new 9,000 square foot County Annex Building that will house the County Appraiser and tax office, the County Judge's Office and a County Courtroom.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to providing the assistance rural communities must have to provide needed community services," said Daniel. "The County of Edwards will be able to serve its citizens more effectively with this new hub of municipal activity."

The goals of USDA Rural Development's Community Programs are to enhance the economic opportunities and quality of life for residents of rural communities through loan and grant programs that create or improve telecommunications, community facilities, and water and waste systems. These programs are important because they supply a number of growth opportunities to communities with improved utility facilities, increased job availability, and technology and educational resources.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Uvalde office at 830-278-9503 Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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