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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES GRANT FUNDING FOR THE LATINO EDUCATION PROJECT

Corpus Christi, Texas, October 11, 2005--Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development today announced that The Latino Education Project was awarded a \$100,000 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG). USDA Rural Development housing programs are designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the growth and development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

“USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans,” said Daniel. “It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features.”

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to rehabilitate 10 owner-occupied homes with essential home repairs in Nueces and Duval counties. The project will promote the health, safety, and well being of the homeowners, playing a significant role in neighborhood rehabilitation. Priority of funding with this program will be for very low and low-income elderly residents.

The purpose of the HPG program is to promote continued economic development in rural communities by making grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low and very-low income housing. Grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Rural Development local office in Alice at (361) 668-0453, ext. 4 or visit our website on <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx>.

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