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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES \$380,440 GRANT FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND

**PORTLAND, TEXAS, October 11, 2005**— Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of Portland has been selected to receive a Colonia Grant in the amount of \$380,440 from the agency's Water and Waste Disposal Program. The grant funds will be used to improve water service for 280 residences in Doyle Addition, a subdivision outside the City designated as a Colonia by the Texas Water Development Board. The existing system often issues "boil water" notifications due to low water pressure. The project will include the installation of new waterlines, fire hydrants, and property repairs.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be part of a project with such importance," said Daniel. "These funds will enable the residents of Doyle Addition the opportunity to experience a healthy water supply and adequate fire protection."

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 see 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 Alice office at 361-668-0453, Ext. 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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