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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR ROBERTSON COUNTY CARE, INC.

**FRANKLIN, TEXAS, December 14, 2005**-- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that Robertson County Care, Inc. was selected to receive \$4,400 through the agency's Community Facilities Grant Program. The grant funds will be used to purchase an additional storage building for the food pantry. The food pantry has been serving Franklin and the surrounding areas since 1996 and has outgrown their storage facility.

"This funding will assist Robertson County Care, Inc. in providing expanded food services to Franklin residents," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing assistance to rural towns and communities to help them provide valuable services to their residents."

In Fiscal Year 2005, a total of \$991,000 in Community Facility Grants was obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's Community Programs have awarded \$1.8 billion for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 1.16 million households in the process.

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 Bryan Local Office at (979) 846-0548, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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