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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS RURAL TEXAS COMMUNITIES WITH HEALTH CARE NEEDS

All Texans recognize the value of health care. Rural Texans know the critical role access to health care plays in the health of their community. USDA Rural Development invested nearly \$14.6 million in rural healthcare during 2005.

“Accessible health care is critical for rural communities to prosper. USDA Rural Development is proud to support local projects that enhance the health care systems within our rural Texas communities,” said State Director Bryan Daniel.

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 State Office at 254-742-9700 or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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