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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CITY OF FORT STOCKTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS, June 20, 2006-- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today the City of Fort Stockton Emergency Medical Services was selected to receive \$35,807 through the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program. The grant funds will be used to assist the City of Fort Stockton in the purchase of a new ambulance, which will have a larger payload capacity, a heating/air conditioning unit with a thermostat that can be set and maintained without the engine running, and a backup generator.

“This funding will provide the City of Fort Stockton with the assistance to purchase a lifesaving resource for their community,” 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 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 Fort Stockton Local Office at (432) 336-7585, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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