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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR FRIENDS OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

FRANKLIN, TEXAS, September 18, 2006-- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today Friends of Carnegie Library of Robertson County was selected to receive \$35,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Grant Program. The grant funds will be used to assist the Library in repairing the original metal tile roof to preserve the historic building. Carnegie Library serves as the library for all of Robertson County and is one of only four remaining Carnegie public libraries in the State of Texas.

"This funding will one help preserve one of our State's historical buildings and provide access to a public library to 16,000 residents of Robertson County," 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.

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