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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR GARRISON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GARRISON, TEXAS, September 29, 2006-- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today Garrison Independent School District was selected to receive \$30,150 through the Community Facilities Grant Program. The Hurricane Disaster Assistance Appropriations Act has supplied these grant funds to be used to purchase a patrol vehicle to help provide safety to the 654 K-12 students enrolled in Garrison ISD.

“This funding will assist Garrison ISD in providing a safe learning environment,” 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 Lufkin Local Office at (936) 634-9900, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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