



MEDIA RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
301 Yakima St., Suite 314, Wenatchee, WA 98801-2990
Contact: Michael Langston, 509-664-0235, michael.langston@wa.usda.gov

July 30, 2003

MATTAWA MEDICAL CLINIC EXPANSION BECOMING A REALITY

Mattawa---The Mattawa Community Medical Clinic will be getting some much needed elbow room thanks to USDA Rural Development. Funding will provide for expansion of the current facility and services offered to the community's residents.

The Grant County Public Hospital District No. 5 recently received a \$966,000 low-interest loan commitment from USDA Rural Development to finance the expansion of its Mattawa clinic. The proposed project is for the construction of a 5,100 square foot building on a vacant parcel of land adjacent to the existing medical clinic. The new facility will include six exam rooms, x-ray room, pharmacy, lab, physician and administrative offices, nurse station, reception and waiting area, and a community education classroom.

"We are excited to be working with the District to provide affordable financing to expand the clinic's facilities to improve the primary medical care services it provides to the residents of southern Grant County," Jackie J. Gleason, Washington State Director for USDA Rural Development said.

Funds are provided from the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program. USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting Washington State USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.wa>. ###