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Southern Jackson PSD to get \$1 million In USDA funds

Morgantown, WV –USDA Rural Development has awarded the Southern Jackson Public Service District a \$1,000,000 grant, completing the funding package obligated in FY 2002. The funds will be used to extend the District's current water system to approximately 143 new users. The project involves construction of approximately 85,400 linear feet of waterline, one 100,000 gallon water storage tank, and necessary appurtenances. Announcement of the award came today from Jenny N. Phillips, State Director of USDA Rural Development.

"Rural Development is committed to providing safe drinking water for West Virginia residents. A public water supply helps to build the base for West Virginia's economic growth, " Phillips said.

USDA Rural Development serves as the lead Federal entity for rural development needs and administers program assistance through the following agencies: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Utilities Services. Further information on USDA Rural Development may be obtained by contacting any USDA Service Center or by visiting USDA's web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov. In West Virginia, call 1-800-295-8228 to be put in touch with a Community Development Manager serving your county.