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Crafters and Artisans Benefit From Grant Monies

Morgantown, WV – April 13, 2004: State Director Jenny Phillips today announced that Rural Development has approved grant funding in the amount of \$105,500 for Adaland Mansion Development, Inc., in Philippi, Barbour County, WV. The assistance will be made through a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG).

The grant will allow Adaland to complete the renovation of a barn and carriage house to provide demonstration/workshop/retail space for crafters and artisans. The funds will also provide technical assistance for marketing and sales of crafter's products. The project is expected to create 2 jobs.

“This project demonstrates the commitment of Rural Development to the future of our rural communities,” Phillips said. “This investment will create jobs and, in turn, improve economic opportunities.”

USDA Rural Development serves as the lead Federal entity for rural development needs and administers program assistance through its rural housing programs, rural business programs, and rural utilities programs. 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 the appropriate personnel serving your county.

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