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**Ohio Officials Applaud USDA Loan for Muskingum Valley Health Centers**

COLUMBUS – The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last week that Muskingum Valley Health Centers will receive a loan for \$2.3 million, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This is a portion of \$54 million in community facilities projects that was part of last week’s announcement.

Governor Ted Strickland, Ohio Department of Health Director Alvin Jackson and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Robert Boggs applauded the announcement.

“I applaud Secretary Vilsack and the Obama Administration for providing Muskingum Valley Health Centers with this loan,” Strickland said. “These resources will provide greater access to quality of health care. President Obama’s Recovery Act is working in Ohio.”

“We are committed to helping Ohio’s underserved populations – including those in rural Ohio,” Jackson said. “These federal dollars will help protect and improve the health of those served by Muskingum Valley.”

“This announcement represents another step forward for rural Ohio,” Boggs said. “This funding will go a long way toward addressing Ohio’s greater goals of bringing our rural citizens together with essential facilities.”

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