

NEW POOL TO OPEN IN JUNE

Outline of Need:

Youngsters in this small rural community have been without a public swimming pool for more than two years. Their only option was to drive to a nearby community with a pool, approximately 30 miles away.

How Rural Development Helped:

Through the USDA Rural Developments Community Facility Guarantee Loan program, the American State Bank of Dickinson and New England agreed to provide a loan for \$250,000. The loan guarantee, along with community support from fund raising events (just over \$100,000), from volunteer labor, and dedication of taxes, made the project possible. Without Rural Development's loan guarantee, the financing for this project may not have been possible.

The Results:

After two years without a public swimming pool, youngsters can again enjoy splashing. The 2,800 square-foot complex includes a main swimming area of about 1,500 square feet and a zero-entry play area of about 700 square feet. The rest of the area is part of the splash space for a water slide. The community is



grateful that they can continue to maintain the pool with the financial assistance provided through Rural Development's Loan Guarantee Program. The citizens are proud of their accomplishments, and now have a successful project.

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