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**USDA awards WellFlorida Council a Community Facility Loan of nearly \$1.5 million**

Gainesville-- WellFlorida Council, a nonprofit serving North Central Florida for 36 years, is slated to receive a Community Facility Direct Loan of nearly \$1.5 million to fund the acquisition and interior finishing of its new home in the Ft. Clarke Business Center in Gainesville.

The loan is being awarded by the USDA's Office of Rural Development, which makes direct loans to nonprofits and public entities for the construction of essential facilities.

Steven Oliva, Executive Director of WellFlorida, believes the government's investment in this building is also an investment in the health of North Central Florida. "This loan allows WellFlorida and our Community Partners (the group of nonprofits we oversee) to purchase a permanent home. This investment will enable us to become self-sustainable and to expand our services which improve the quality of life for our residents and all Floridians."

WellFlorida and its Community Partners provides or coordinates millions of dollars of maternal and infant, HIV/AIDS and chronic disease services for residents in 16 counties.

WellFlorida will officially receive the \$1,477,000 check from the USDA's Office of Rural Development on Thursday, June 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 at the Ft. Clarke Business Center, 1785 NW 80th Blvd., Building B, Gainesville.

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