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TEAM Santa Rosa Receives Funding From USDA

MILTON, Fla.- TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council, Inc. will receive a check in the amount of \$175,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 30th, 2010 at the TEAM Santa Rosa conference room located at 6491 Caroline Street Ste.4, in Milton.

In April, TEAM was approved for a \$175,000 USDA grant that will enable TEAM's Revolving Loan Fund Committee to offer loans to local farmers desiring a transition to specialty crop production and other local, rural entities including Panhandle Fresh Marketing Association. The USDA is formally presenting the check in this special ceremony on Friday.

Agriculture is one of Santa Rosa County's top industry sectors. Part of TEAM's mission is to promote our local industry. Small farmers can use this funding to explore opportunities for adding diversified crops, such as peppers and watermelons, to their existing traditional product offerings.

TEAM's Revolving Loan Fund Committee will distribute the funding based on standing policies and procedures, as well as forms, for awarding the loans. The program will be active once the Agriculture Department releases the funding.

About TEAM Santa Rosa:

TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council, Inc. is Santa Rosa County's central facilitator for attracting, retaining, and expanding industry, as well as for recruiting and retaining employees. Our vision is to create a vibrant, prosperous, and sustainable community of communities where children of today can live, work, and thrive tomorrow.

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