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### Housing Grants Available for The Elderly

(KLZA)-- May has been declared “Older Americans Month” to recognize and show appreciation to our Nation’s older citizens. Older Americans have provided a lifetime of contributions to their communities.

The baby boom generation is now between the ages of 52 and 70. As they grow older, they may need services to allow them to retire, live with dignity and respect and enjoy new opportunities.

USDA Rural Development can provide assistance through home repair loans and grants to remove health and safety hazards or make a home accessible for household members.

Funds can be used to repair or replace furnaces, appliances, electrical, foundations, siding, roofing, windows, plumbing, wells, septic systems, and other health and safety hazards. Loans are available up to \$20,000 at a one percent fixed interest rate for up to 20 years. Seniors age 62 and older, who cannot qualify for a loan, may be eligible for a grant of up to \$7,500, or a loan and grant combination to make needed repairs and improvements.

Nearly all communities in Nebraska are eligible for housing programs.

Visit <http://www.rd.usda.gov/ne> and click on the link for “Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants” under Key Feature Programs for more information and a list of contact information.

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