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#### **News**

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U.S. Rural Development says it has grants available to repair home of qualifying individuals. The repairs include (but are not limited to) repairing and replacing roofs, heating, air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing systems; water and waste disposal; windows; and insulation. Grants may also be used to make the dwelling accessible to a family member with disabilities. Qualifying applicants must own and occupy the home, and have an income within Rural Development's "Very Low Income" guidelines. Homeowners must be at least age 62 to qualify for a grant, and unable to make loan payments at a 1% interest rate for 20 years.

The maximum lifetime limit for grant funds is \$7,500. Repairs may be completed by contractors at the applicant's choosing.

Those interested in the program are asked to contact Shawna Barnes or Shelby Leakey at the USDA Rural Development office in Chillicothe. Information is also available on USDA's website.