

Energy Cost are Up

Outline of Need: With fuel cost on the rise, and paying for heat in the winter, many homeowners are looking for ways to cut fuel bills. Ms. Judith K. Dixon, of Lewis County took steps to reduce her home energy bills. Knowing that insulation is one of the keys, she contacted Peoples Self Help Housing of Vanceburg and the USDA Rural Development office for help in achieving the goal of adding insulation to her home.

Peoples Self Help Housing performed an evaluation of the home and determined that it was in need of insulation under the floors and in the attic. A new high efficient heat pump was also needed to replace a less efficient heating and cooling system.

How Rural Development Helped: Being a partner with USDA Rural Development, Peoples Self Help Housing contacted Rural Development for financial assistance for Ms. Dixon. The local USDA office helped put together a financing package that was affordable for Ms. Dixon.

The Results: Once work is completed Ms. Dixon's home will be more comfortable and will use energy more efficiently--cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

USDA has provided assistance for over fifty years for homeowners in need of repairs. Some examples of eligible repairs are: installing insulation, heating and



cooling units, replacement of windows and doors, new roofs and siding, water hook-up and tap fees, and new septic system. Contact the USDA Rural Development office in Morehead, 606-784-6447, ext 4 to see if you may qualify for assistance in making your home more efficient.