



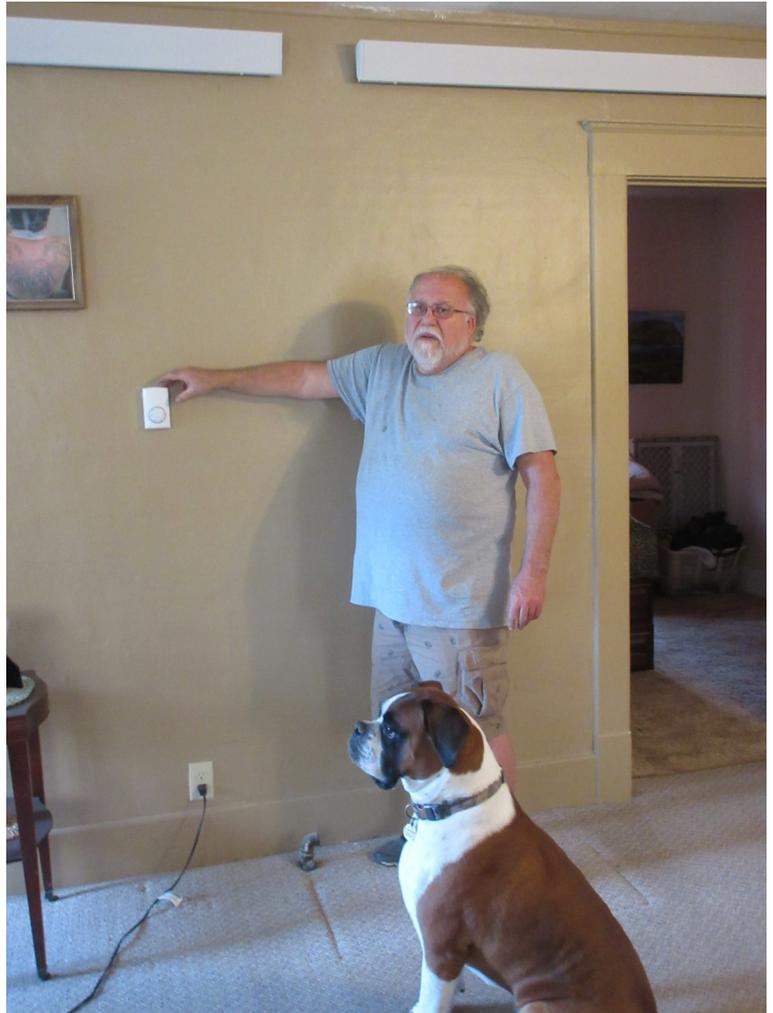
Rural Housing Services • Home Repair Program

## Home Electrified & Heated for Comfortable Living

Michael Costa was having electrical issues in his 1912, 900 sq. ft., two bedroom bungalow home in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The electric outlets upstairs were not working. Some electricity did work downstairs where he had his TV and kept his refrigerator running by way of an extension cord across the house. Also, the heat to the home was a small, stand-alone gas stove in the main part of the house. There was no duct-work to the bedrooms or bathroom, shut the door and you were cold. The furnace was almost red-tagged by the gas company this winter when they came to light it.

Mike talked with someone from Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska and spoke of his situation and someone there knew where he could find assistance, USDA Rural Development. USDA helped with a grant in the amount of \$7,425 to run a new 100A meter loop and panel, GFCI receptacles, new circuits and outlets, and to install cove heaters in the home. This project, completed nine months ago, opened up a whole new world to Mike who is deeply appreciative.

Today, both Michael and his dog Luke are living in a properly electrified and heated home. They have heat in all the rooms making the house warm and comfortable.



*Mike tests his thermostat for new cove heaters while Luke supervises.*

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**Obligation Amount:** \$7,425 Grant

**Date of Obligation:** 1-31-18

**Congressional District:** Representative Smith, District 3; Senators Fischer and Sasse

**Partners:** n/a

**Demographics:** Helped out with electrical and heating needs of a home built in 1912.

**Impact:** A new 100A meter Loop and panel, GFCI receptacles, new circuits and outlets, and cove heaters were installed in the home making it safe and warm.

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