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### MEETINGS COMING TO ASSIST FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCESS FUNDING

**Lincoln, Neb., July 19, 2004** – The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development will host statewide educational meetings to explore the potential of assisting community and faith-based organizations via USDA Rural Development programs such as: Self-Help Housing, Multi-Family Housing, Farm Labor Housing, Community Facilities, Water and Waste Disposal and Business and Cooperative. Community and faith-based organizations are encouraged to attend.

The following meetings are scheduled:

- **Beatrice, Neb. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Public Library, Sargent Rm. 100 N 16th St.
- **Norfolk, Neb. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Lifelong Learning Ctr. 601 Benjamin Ave., Ste. C.
- **Bassett, Neb. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
North Central Resource Conservation & Development District  
East Hwy 20.
- **Lexington, Neb. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Grand Generations Ctr. 407 East 6th St.
- **Bridgeport, Neb. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Prairie Winds Community Ctr. 428 Main St.

As part of its faith-based and community focus, USDA ensures that faith-based and community organizations have equal access to USDA programs and benefits and works in conjunction with the Department's many mission areas to reach out and educate faith-based and community organizations about USDA programs and benefits. The best opportunities for federal assistance to faith-based and community organizations are outlined on USDA's faith-based and community initiatives Web site at <http://www.usda.gov/fbci>.

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