

Vermont Interfaith Power and Light

The Katy Gerke Memorial Program

The Katy Gerke Memorial Program has been established to honor the memory of Dr. Katy Gerke and to help Christian churches in Vermont and in twelve New Hampshire towns in the Upper Connecticut River Valley to improve the energy efficiency of their church buildings. Funds from this program can be used by churches to obtain professional energy audits of their buildings and to undertake projects, e.g. building or equipment improvements that will reduce the energy use of their church buildings. All grants for energy audits or efficiency improvement projects will require that churches provide matching funds for each grant request.

Energy Efficiency Project Grant Application

This application is to be used by a Christian faith community in Vermont, or in any of twelve New Hampshire towns in the Upper Connecticut River Valley¹, to apply for a grant to complete an energy efficiency project at their church building. See reverse side of application for energy project requirements and examples of energy efficiency projects.

Faith communities applying for an energy efficiency project grant must own the building to be improved or get the owner's permission. They will also need to provide a minimum of 50% of the energy efficiency project cost.

To apply for an energy efficiency project grant, complete this form and submit it, with the contractor's proposal/bid, to Vermont Interfaith Power and Light (VTIPL). Forms for this program are available on the website, www.vtipl.org. Questions? Contact VTIPL Coordinator, Betsy Hardy (see contact information below).

(Please print neatly)

Name of Church _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Church Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Describe the building or the building system (mechanical/electrical) to be improved by the project:

On a separate sheet describe the reasons for requesting an energy efficiency project grant and identify the actions the congregation has taken, to date, to reduce energy use in the building.

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Total Cost for Energy Efficiency Project: _____

Amount of Grant Requested: _____

Contractor(s) Selected to Perform the Project:

Contractor(s) Contact Information:

Contractors' Qualifications/Experience: _

Attach a copy of the proposal(s) or bid(s) that describe the energy efficiency project.

Requirements for Energy Efficiency Project: To qualify for an energy efficiency project grant, this application must include the following:

- Information to show that the contractor(s) selected for the project is a professional(s) with demonstrated qualifications and experience.
- Information to show that the work to be completed in the project will be completed by, or under the supervision of, professional installation contractors who are properly insured and appropriately licensed or certified for the project work identified.
- A quantitative assessment of the energy efficiency improvements to be made, to include:
 - Firm costs to make the individual energy efficiency improvements identified in the project, based on local labor and material costs.
 - The estimated energy savings of individual energy efficiency improvements identified in the project, based on the building's actual energy use and accepted engineering calculations.
- The work and materials used in this project will be in compliance with all applicable laws, codes, regulations, rules, standards and manufacturers' instructions.

Churches that are awarded energy efficiency project grants must agree to:

- Give VT IPL the opportunity to inspect the project site before, during and upon project completion.
- Provide VT IPL with all energy use data for a minimum of two (2) years following project completion.

Optional: Applications can also include specifications for the materials and equipment being installed and installation specifications.

Examples of Energy Efficiency Projects

- Improvements to the building envelope to reduce thermal losses, e.g. insulation, air sealing, weather-stripping, windows and doors.
- Replacement of existing equipment with energy efficient equipment, e.g. HVAC, refrigeration, lighting.
- Materials and/or equipment used in a building expansion that improves the energy efficiency of the building or its systems above the existing building code energy standards.
- Projects that qualify for financial incentives from Efficiency Vermont or Vermont Gas.

1 New Hampshire towns: Bath, Charleston, Claremont, Cornish, Hanover, Haverhill, Lebanon, Lyme, New London, Oxford, Piermont and Plainfield.
