

Vermont Interfaith Power & Light

CLIMATE ACTION GRANTS

The Climate Action Grants program has been established to honor the memory of Katy Gerke and Ellie Cressey Webster and to help faith and spiritual communities in Vermont and in twelve New Hampshire towns * improve the energy efficiency of their buildings and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Funds from this program can be used by faith and spiritual communities to obtain professional energy audits of their buildings and to undertake projects that will reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. All grants will require that faith and spiritual communities provide matching grants for each grant request.

Energy Efficiency Project Grant Application

This application is to be used by a faith or spiritual community in Vermont, or in any of twelve New Hampshire towns in the Upper Connecticut River Valley*, to apply for a grant to complete an energy efficiency project in their building(s). See reverse side, page2, of this application for energy project requirements and examples of energy efficiency projects.

Faith or spiritual 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 & Light (VTIPL). Forms for this program are available on the website, www.vtipl.org. Questions? Contact VTIPL Coordinator, Donna Roberts, info@VTIPL.org, PO Box 3095, Burlington, VT 05408, 802-829-0135.

(Please print neatly)

Name of Faith or Spiritual
Community _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ 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.

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.
- Evidence that the work and materials used in this project will be in compliance with all applicable laws, codes, regulations, rules, standards and manufacturers' instructions.

Faith or Spiritual communities that are awarded energy efficiency project grants must agree to:

- Give VTIPL the opportunity to inspect the project site before, during, and upon project completion.
- Provide VTIPL 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.

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