

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 funds for each grant request.

Energy Audit 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 obtain a comprehensive and quantitative energy audit of their building(s). See energy audit requirements below.

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

To apply for an energy audit grant, complete the form and submit it, with a copy of the audit proposal or bid, to Vermont Interfaith Power & Light (VTIPL). See the link to the application form above. Questions? Contact VTIPL Coordinator, Donna Roberts: info@vtipl.org

(Please print neatly)

Name of Faith or Spiritual Community _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

VTIPL: P.O.Box 3095, Burlington, VT 05408; Telephone: 802-829-0135; e-mail info@vtipl.org.

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

Describe the building or building system to be audited; the reasons for requesting an energy audit; and, identify the actions the community has taken, to date, to reduce energy use in the building(s). Use additional pages, if necessary:

Total Cost for Energy Audit: _____

Amount of Grant Requested: _____

Company or Individual Selected to Perform the Audit: _____

Company/Auditor Contact Information: _____

Energy Auditor Qualifications/Experience

Attach a copy of the audit proposal or audit bid that describes what the audit report will provide.

Requirements for Energy Audit: To qualify for an energy audit grant, an energy audit must include the following:

- Energy Auditor must be a professional with demonstrated qualifications and experience.
- A quantitative assessment of identified energy efficiency improvements to include estimated costs to make individual energy efficiency improvements based on local labor and material costs, and.
- Estimated energy savings of individual energy efficiency improvements based on the building's actual energy use and accepted engineering calculations.

Grant recipients must provide a copy of the completed energy audit report to VT IPL.

Optional: It is recommended that energy audits include blower door measurements of building air leakage and/or infrared thermal scans of building components to identify areas of heat loss.

Additional Resources:

Vermont Gas: If your community's building is a customer of Vermont Gas or is close to a Vermont Gas pipeline you may be eligible for a free energy audit and financial incentives for efficiency improvements. For more information call 802-863-4511 or go to www.vermontgas.com.

Building Performance: This is a service offered by Efficiency Vermont (888-921-5990 or www.encyvermont.com). Professional energy auditors and contractors in different parts of Vermont can be identified on the Efficiency Vermont website.