

# Vermont Interfaith Power & Light

## CLIMATE ACTION GRANTS

The Climate Action Grants program has been established to honor the memory of Katy Gerke, Ellie Cressey Webster, and Harris Webster 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.

### Greenhouse Gas Reduction 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 a project that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, but does not involve building improvements. See reverse side or page 2 of this application for project requirements and examples of projects.

Faith or spiritual communities applying for a greenhouse gas reduction project grant must own the property where the project will be implemented, or get the owner's permission. They will also need to provide a minimum of 50% of the project cost.

To apply for a greenhouse gas reduction project grant, complete this form and submit it, with the project description and the costs of the project, to Vermont Interfaith Power & Light (VTIPL). Forms for this program are available on the website, [www.vtipl.org](http://www.vtipl.org).

Questions? Contact VTIPL Coordinator, Chelsea Steinaurer-Scudder, [info@VTIPL.org](mailto:info@VTIPL.org), PO Box 3095, Burlington, VT 05408.

(Please print neatly)

Name of Faith or Spiritual  
Community \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the greenhouse gas reduction project:

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On a separate sheet describe the reasons for requesting a greenhouse gas reduction project grant and identify the actions the congregation has taken, to date, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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

Total Cost for Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Grant Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/Organization Selected to Perform the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/Organization Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/Organization Qualifications/Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attach a copy of the proposal(s) or bid(s) that describe the project.

**Requirements for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Project:** To qualify for a greenhouse gas reduction project grant, this application must include the following:

- Information to show that the individual/organization selected for the project has 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, professionals who are properly insured and appropriately licensed or certified for the project work identified.
- A quantitative assessment of the greenhouse gas reductions to result from the project, to include:
  - Firm costs to implement the project, based on local labor and material costs.
  - The estimated greenhouse gas reductions estimated for the project
  - Explanation of how the greenhouse gas reductions will be measured or verified.
- 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.
- Optional: Applications can also include specifications for the materials and equipment being installed and installation specifications

Faith or Spiritual communities that are awarded greenhouse gas reduction project grants must agree to:

- Give VTIPL the opportunity to inspect the project site before, during and upon project completion.
- Provide VTIPL with all data used to verify the greenhouse gas reductions.

**Examples of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Projects** (This is not intended to be an exhaustive list)

- Planting of trees
- Transportation options that reduce vehicle emissions per passenger mile.
- Installation of an electric vehicle charging station.
- Soil remediation