



## Program Description

The Vermont Community Climate Change Grant Program is specifically for Vermont municipalities and non-profit organizations to support projects that increase energy efficiency, achieve measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and increase use of clean renewable resources.



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## Background

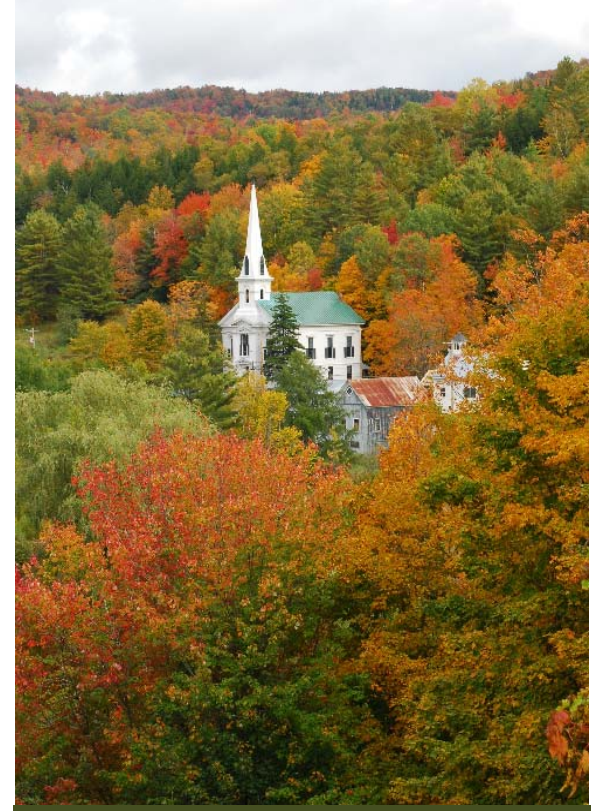
The Governor's Commission on Climate Change was created in December 2005. A broad-based group of six Vermont leaders was charged with developing a comprehensive Vermont Climate Change Action Plan. Their final report, released in October 2007, identifies specific recommendations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Vermont including expanding Vermont's efficiency efforts from electricity to all-fuels, educating the public about climate change, protecting and promoting working farms and forests, improving transportation efficiency, and conducting critical research on climate change in Vermont.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is overseeing the State's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. ANR wants to help Vermont communities improve energy efficiency as an effective means for reducing greenhouse gases, saving tax dollars.

Vermont communities are ready to address the challenge of energy efficiency and climate change, and this program is designed to provide important resources to meet these challenges.



## Vermont Community Climate Change Grants



Helping Communities  
Reduce Air Emissions and  
Achieve Energy Efficiency

## Program Purpose

The purpose of the Vermont Community Climate Change Grant Program is to promote the implementation of innovative energy efficiency and clean renewable energy solutions by Vermont communities.

## Eligible Project Examples

- Energy efficiency improvements in municipal buildings, street lights, and vehicle fleets
- Energy conservation projects in new and existing buildings and in rental markets
- Programs to retrofit vehicles with battery hybrid technology or idle reduction technology, exchange gas-powered mowers and landscape equipment for electric-powered equipment
- Incentives for replacement of old wood-fired boilers and wood stoves with cleaner advanced units
- Improving public and alternative transportation
- Renewable energy projects, including the purchase and installation of solar thermal and photovoltaic cells on buildings, and construction associated with the production of energy from wind, solar, and biomass
- Multi-town efforts to foster efficiency improvements, such as regional transportation

## Review Criteria

Successful grant proposals will address the following factors. The numbers in parenthesis indicate relative weight given in project evaluation.

- **Measurable reductions in energy consumption and/or greenhouse gas emissions (30%):** Quantifiable estimates of energy savings and/or greenhouse gas emission reductions from the proposed project. To the greatest degree possible, these improvements should be measurable and verifiable.
- **Transferability (20%):** The degree to which the proposed project will lead to further energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions by the transfer of the project approach to other municipalities and organizations.
- **Project approach (30%):** The viability of the proposed project approach, how well the applicant proposes to achieve project results, and innovation of approach.
- **Cost-effectiveness (10%):** The relative cost-effectiveness for achieving the desired level of energy efficiency improvements.
- **Public education and involvement (10%):** Opportunities for involving the public and potential stakeholders to promote awareness of the project and its goals.



## Eligible Recipients

Eligible recipients include Vermont municipalities and non-profit organizations. ANR encourages town energy committees and other local energy groups that are not registered as non-profit organizations to work in partnership with their local municipality and/or a local non-profit.

## Grant Funding

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to applicants meeting the eligibility criteria up to \$12,000 per project. A total of \$360,000 is available in this grant cycle. Grant recipients are eligible for future grant awards on a competitive basis; however, each applicant organization is limited to one grant award per year. Grant applicants are expected to provide a match of 10% of project costs.

**Application deadlines:**  
**First Round: February 2, 2009**  
**Second Round: April 1, 2009**

For more information and to download an application, visit:  
[www.anr.state.vt.us/air/Planning/htm/ClimateChange.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/air/Planning/htm/ClimateChange.htm)