



Energy Resources

USDA Rural Development helps individuals, businesses and community institutions invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that power economic development in rural communities.

	Applicant	Objective/ Uses	Contact
<u>Single Family Repair</u> <i>(Loan/Grant)</i>	Eligible home-owners	Financing for very-low-income home-owners to install solar panels, install wood pellet boilers, install energy efficient heat pumps, weatherize homes and make energy efficiency improvements.	Megan Roush, Housing Program Specialist: (802) 828-6006 Megan.roush@vt.usda.gov
<u>Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)</u> <i>(Grant/ Loan Guarantee)</i>	Rural small businesses and agricultural producers	Assistance for businesses to install energy efficiency improvements or to purchase a renewable energy system.	Ken Yearman, Energy Coordinator: (802) 828-6070 Kenneth.yearman@vt.usda.gov
<u>REAP Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance</u> <i>(Grant)</i>	Local governments or institutions ; rural electric cooperatives; or public power entities.	Grants for entities to pass through to small businesses or agricultural producers for 75% of the cost of an energy audit or renewable energy development assistance.	Ken Yearman, Energy Coordinator: (802) 828-6070 or Kenneth.yearman@vt.usda.gov
<u>Community Facilities</u> <i>(Loan / Grant)</i>	Public bodies, nonprofits, and Federally recognized Indian Tribes.	Low interest, long-term financing and grants of up to \$50,000 to install solar power arrays, purchase biomass systems and undertake energy efficiency improvements such as the weatherization of municipal buildings.	Eric Law, Community Program Specialist: (802) 828-6033 eric.law@vt.usda.gov
<u>Rural Energy Savings Program</u> <i>(Loan)</i>	Current and former RUS borrowers or their subsidiaries and entities that meet retail electric service needs in rural areas.	Help for families and small businesses to achieve cost saving through loans to qualified consumers to implement durable cost-effective energy efficiency measures.	Eric Law, Community Program Specialist: (802) 828-6033 eric.law@vt.usda.gov

USDA Rural Development: A rural energy resource

USDA Rural Development helps communities, businesses and individuals invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades so they can realize savings and produce the energy needed to power the rural economy. The Agency's programs help recipients install energy efficient systems realizing savings to reinvest in a home or business and invest in energy generating systems that work to keep energy dollars local.

Communities – Municipal entities and non-profits seek USDA Rural Development support for projects that will help them realize energy savings through renewable energy generating systems and installing energy efficiency upgrades. Community centers seek grant and loan support to weatherize their buildings, anchor institutions meet their energy and heating needs through installing solar arrays and wood pellet boilers, and municipal water and sewer systems save rate payers by updating old systems to perform essential services more efficiently.

Businesses – Businesses looking to realize savings through energy efficiency or supplement their power needs with renewable energy generation look to USDA Rural Development for financial support. Rural Development offers grants and loan guarantees for projects designed to increase a business's bottom line through energy improvements. With Rural Development support, businesses have purchase energy efficient reverse osmosis machines for maple syrup production, weatherized their premises, increased efficiencies in their heating and lighting systems, and installed solar arrays.

Individuals – USDA Rural Development assists homeowners with incomes below 50 percent of the state's median income with energy cost-reducing home improvements. The Agency provides financing to install solar panels, install wood pellet boilers, install energy efficient heat pumps, weatherize homes and make energy efficiency improvements. Grants are available to very low income seniors.



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