



Dear {{Salutation or 'Local Energy Leaders'}},

With cooler temps and earlier sunsets it's definitely starting to feel like winter in Vermont! As we bid fall goodbye, we are excited to continue sharing timely resources to help advance energy & climate action in Vermont. In this message, you'll find several funding opportunities as well as a **save the date for the upcoming 2023 VECAN Annual Conference** – starting December 5th at noon! Please mark your calendar, plan to attend, and stay tuned for further details...

Thank you for your continued dedication to local solutions in the fight against climate change. Together, we will work towards a greener future for all!

RESOURCES & INFO

Report: Asheville, NC Non-profit Works to Reduce Energy Burden. This [article](#) discusses an Asheville nonprofit's efforts to alleviate energy burdens in Buncombe County, North Carolina. Through community outreach and small-scale improvements like switching light bulbs and installing DIY storm windows, Energy Savers Network has been able to help over 10,000 low-income residents in Buncombe County reduce their monthly energy costs by 10% to 20%. Read more to learn how community-driven initiatives are making a positive impact on energy affordability and equity in the region.

Funding Opportunity: Vermont Community Foundation Environmental Justice Small Grant Program. The [Vermont Community Foundation](#) is seeking proposals for programs that assist local communities in adapting to Vermont's changing climate and

more severe weather. The [Environmental Justice Small Grant Program](#) is dedicated to aiding communities vulnerable to climate change, particularly those with limited resources. Projects encompass a broad range of initiatives, from education and skill-building to risk reduction and youth leadership. The application period is from October 19 to December 1, 2023, and grant decisions will involve a diverse review committee. Click [here](#) for further details and to apply!

Funding Opportunity: US Department of Energy Communities LEAP Program. The US Department of Energy's [Communities LEAP program](#) is dedicated to fostering lasting economic and environmental benefits through clean energy initiatives. The initiative's goals are to recognize the unique energy challenges of low-income, energy-burdened, disadvantaged, or fossil fuel-impacted communities, support community leadership, and work toward long-term economic and environmental improvements for a more sustainable and equitable future. Each application must include a Community-Based Organization and a local government or tribal entity. Selected communities can now receive up to \$50,000 in funding for technical assistance. Apply for Communities LEAP Cohort 2 to access technical assistance for clean energy and economic development. Submit your [application online](#) or via PDF to CommunitiesLEAPInfo@hq.doe.gov by December 14, 2023, at 5 p.m. ET.

Funding Opportunity: VTrans Electrify Your Fleet Program.

The VTrans has launched their [Electrify Your Fleet program](#), offering organizations the opportunity to apply for up to twenty \$2,500 incentives. The Electrify Your Fleet program aims to transition from fossil-fueled transportation, addressing carbon emissions and promoting cleaner options. Priority is given to historically underserved communities. Eligible vehicles include electric, hybrid, bicycles, motorcycles, and snowmobiles. Participants must hold the vehicles for 24 months and demonstrate emission reduction. [Learn more here](#) and [apply here](#)!

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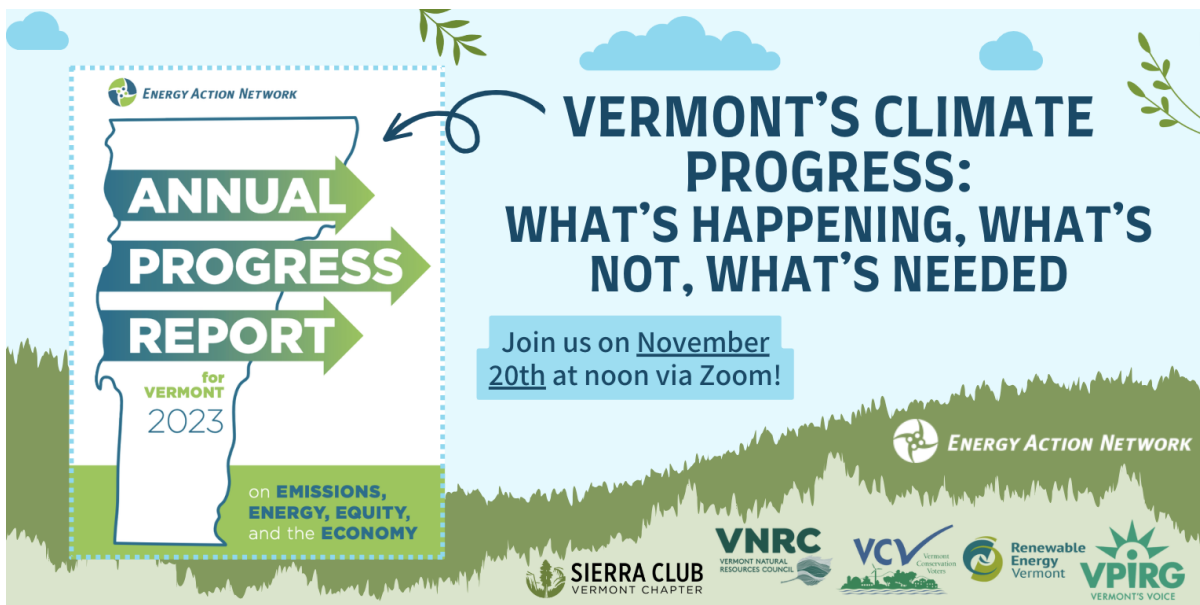
SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 5th-8th, 12-1:30pm

Save the Date: VECAN 2023 Annual Conference. Join us at the 2023 Annual VECAN Conference from December 5th to 8th – virtually – from noon to 1:30 pm each day. Explore crucial topics around rebuilding and recovering from climate-induced disasters more equitably. Discover ways to access state and federal funding and programs, engage with legislators in a roundtable discussion, and participate in a peer-to-peer exchange with town energy committees. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and network with experts in the field of clean energy and community engagement. Please mark your calendars for this important series of explorations and conversations starting December 5th at noon! More details and registration coming soon.

Workshop: Learn About Button Up Weatherization & Home Heating in Waterbury.

Friday, Nov. 10 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM Waterbury LEAP will be hosting a free Button Up Weatherization & Home Heating Workshop at the Steele Community Room in the Waterbury Municipal Center (28 North Main Street), next to the public library. No RSVP is required. During the free event you will learn from an Efficiency Vermont expert about the most common ways homes lose energy, steps you can take to tighten up your house, energy audits, and energy-efficient heat pumps. You will also hear about loans and incentives to help you get the work done, and rebates available to those affected by recent flooding. LEAP will provide free pizza, drinks, and energy-efficiency raffle prizes. Don't stay cold this winter. Learn how to warm your house and save money. For more information email Duncan at duncan@clifonline.org

Webinar: Climate Accountability and Collective Action Problems. Join Energy Action Network on Wednesday, November 15th, between 12 pm-1 pm for an informative Lunch & Learn webinar. The webinar will feature a presentation of the key findings from EAN's recent publication, "[Evaluating Vermont's Climate Responsibility: A Comparative Study of Per Capita Emissions](#)," followed by a discussion and Q&A session. This webinar aims to shed light on the comparison of greenhouse gas emissions among New England states and how this impacts the roles of state-level government and policymakers in addressing climate action. The session will delve into different approaches for comparing GHG emissions and emphasize the significance of assessing per capita emissions. Furthermore, it will discuss how these concepts intersect with climate justice and equity, underscoring the vital role of collective action. Learn more and [register here!](#)



Webinar: Vermont's Climate Progress: What's Happening, What's Not, What's Needed. Join VNRC and partners on November 20th at 12pm for an overview of Energy Action Network's Annual Progress Report, featuring insights from EAN Executive Director Jared Duval. Learn about Vermont's current emissions, energy usage, and their impact on the economy and equity. Get updates on key policy priorities for the 2024 legislative session, such as modernizing the Renewable Energy Standard and addressing climate-induced disasters through accountability measures for big oil. Don't miss this concise webinar for crucial information on resilience and adaptation solutions. [Register here!](#)

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About Us

[VECAN](#) is a network of statewide Vermont organizations helping communities statewide to reduce energy costs and climate impacts through conservation, increased energy efficiency and conversion to renewable energy sources.

VECAN's mission is to start, support and strengthen town energy committees.

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We are always looking for great stories of local action for our blog, social media and as helpful resources for our network! Please consider sending along anything you or others have accomplished or are working on by emailing info@vecan.net.

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Committee Changes?

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