

The deadline is approaching for the MERP Mini-Grant!



What is this for?

The Municipal Energy Resilience Program has a \$4,000 education and outreach grant that is designed to reduced resident's energy burden & build capacity for town's energy resilience. There are many ways to utilize this grant because what works best in each town is unique!

For example Mini-Grants can:

- Seed an energy committee
- Send mailers to homes regarding weatherizing programs & rebates
- Hire a consultant for grant writing
- Host an energy fair or education event
- Hire a solar contractor for community solar or structural engineer to assess MERP candidate buildings for rooftop arrays

Interested but need assistance?

Carter Finegan, the MERP Coordinator at NVDA, is available to support the rollout whoever the community sees fit. This includes planning events, customizing town-specific informative literature, or networking with contractors on behalf of towns.

What's the timeline to apply & use these funds?

Building & General Services is closing this grant application on May 31st, 2024.

Municipalities have until the end of 2026 to disperse the funds.

Who can apply for this grant?

Every municipality can receive one award.

It's a guaranteed non-competitive grant with a quick & simple online application.

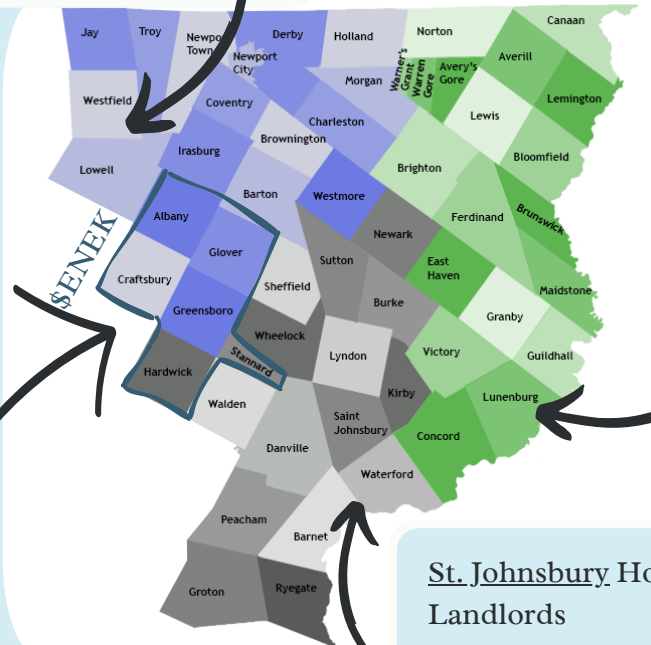


NEK Spotlights

Westfield Two Electronic Info Kiosks

Cost: \$2300

Rotating displays highlight different energy savings programs with pamphlet spots below make quick work of keeping residents up-to-date with reducing their energy burden. Mini Grant will continue to pay for the printing of literature and handouts to keep the information current.



Lunenburg ADA Assessments for Two Municipal Buildings

Cost: \$3200

Working with a state contractor, they received two reports outlining potential projects that could be funded through the Implementation Grant. Remaining funds slated for a doughnuts & coffee informative session to share MERP updates with the community.

Greensboro Seeded Multi -Town Energy

Collaboration & 2 Local Events Cost: \$1,700

\$ave Energy NEK formed across 6 towns to assist residents with energy efficiency. They created and mailed information pamphlets providing a home weatherization checklist. Hosted a VEEP home heat transfer workshop. Held "speed dating" meet & greet featuring a panel of local experts, tabling for energy efficiency programs, plus raffle prizes & snacks.



St. Johnsbury Hosted Information Meeting for Landlords

St J & their Energy Committee connected property owners to vendors that assist with weatherization, rebates, and low-cost thermal renovations, as well as grant application assistance. Guest speakers kicked off the event; food options & drinks were provided.



Vermont Energy Education Program Event

Cost \$200

