

Department of Buildings and General Services

Municipal Energy Resilience Program

Total Funding \$45,000,000

Dates **Energy Resilience Assessment applications closed October 31, 2023. Community Capacity Building Mini-Grants remain open. Implementation Grants to open in Q1 2024.** Please visit bgs.vermont.gov/municipal-energy-resilience-program for more information and links to application materials once available. Sign up for our [email list](#) to be notified immediately when Implementation Grant applications open.

Description

The Municipal Energy Resilience Program provides staffing support, technical assistance, and project funding to help energy burdened communities across the state become more resilient by reducing their energy use and building operational costs. The program provides the following grants and services to covered municipalities:

- ✓ Education, outreach, and grant application assistance from your local Regional Planning Commission
- ✓ Community Capacity Building Mini-Grants of up to \$4,000 per municipality to facilitate community meetings, communication, and community capacity building for energy resilience.
- ✓ Free energy resilience assessments and technical assistance
- ✓ Implementation grants of up to \$500,000 per municipality for energy resilience improvements to municipal buildings

Improvement projects include weatherization, thermal efficiency, and supplementing or replacing fossil fuel heating systems with renewable or electric versions.

Eligibility

“Covered” municipalities: any city, town, fire district, incorporated village, or other governmental incorporated unit *except* school districts; and any buildings which they either own or perpetually lease

Maximum Award and Award Calculation

- ‘Mini-Grants’ – \$4,000 per municipality
- Energy Resilience Assessments – FREE while funds last.
 - Municipalities may apply for any number of buildings, but please prioritize requests. Each application allows for 5 building submissions. Multiple applications may be submitted.
- Energy Resilience Implementation Grants – up to \$500,000 per municipality

Awards will be calculated based on the criteria stipulated in Act. 172 as well as the merit of the application. Municipalities with the highest energy burden community needs and lowest resources as defined in Efficiency Vermont’s 2019 Energy Burden Report will be prioritized for funding.

Program Partners

- Vermont’s Regional Planning Commissions
- Efficiency Vermont
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network

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